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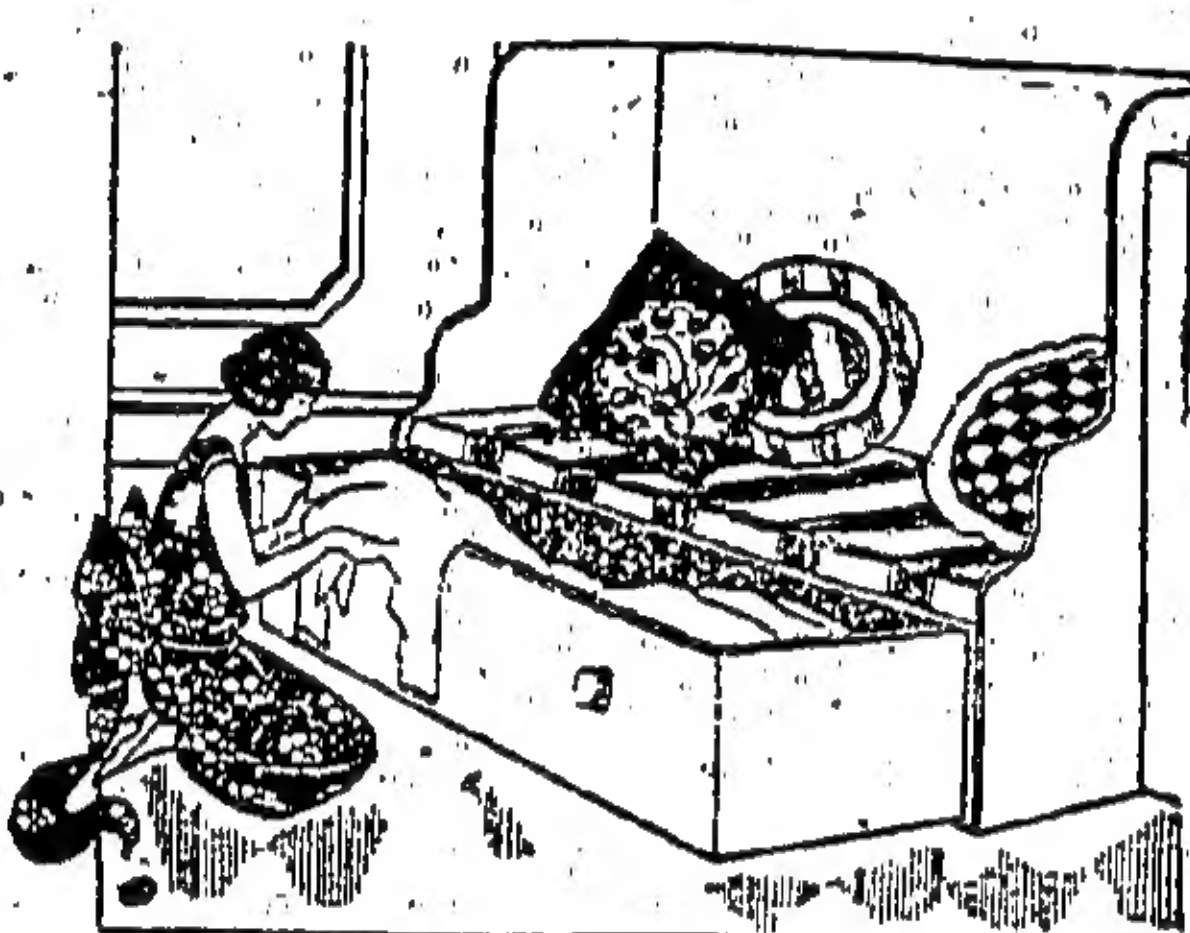
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DYKE RECONSTRUCTION.  
PROJECTS BY FAMINE RELIEF  
COMMISSION.SUCCOURING THE FLOOD  
VICTIMS.

PEKING, November 24th.

Engineering projects in five provinces have been undertaken by the China International Famine Relief Commission, according to the 1923 report which has just been prepared.

Most of the work in the provinces of Kiangsi, Hupeh, Chihli, Shantung and Szechuen has been dyke building and other irrigation developments, but there have been efforts on other lines of public improvements.

In Kiangsi, says the report, the unusual floods of July, 1924, in Kiangsi Province, caused heavy damages to dykes, fields and villages, to say nothing of loss of life and growing crops. A programme of dyke reconstruction was adopted by the new Kiangsi Committee, China International Famine Relief Commission, after an inspection trip in September, 1924, by the Chief Engineer. The work started on the first of the year and was completed about July 1st. It embraced dyke repairs that protected 18 "inlands" from the 1923 floods in the Kan River delta between Nanchang and Po Yang Lake, thus immediately reclaiming for rice culture, land valued at \$20,000,000, the work costing \$200,000 or 1 per cent. of the value of reclaimed land.

Later in the spring, numerous serious breaks in the main right dyke of the Kan River, 50 miles south of Nanchang, were repaired by the same organization co-operating with the officials, the Magistrate of Nanchang being particularly active in making these accomplishments possible. By general agreement between the farmers, the Committee, and Engineer Hildbrand, who was in charge of the work, a uniform price of 20 cts. to 25 cts. per *fun* for dyke construction was established and maintained, the work being done entirely for flood sufferers.

While the 1923 programme in Hupeh, called for work both on the Yangtze River and the Han River as well as on small jobs to the north of Hankow, by far the most difficult of these was the Shihsho dyke on the south bank of the Yangtze, 300 miles above Hankow. This work was begun early in the year and completed about September 1st. It may be considered as a triumph in several ways due to the many obstacles with which our Hupeh Committee as well as the engineers were confronted from start to finish.

This work represents an expenditure of approximately \$150,000. It reclaims from the floods a tract of 500,000 *mu* of land that was normally used for the growing of rice, and which has been out of use most of the time for the past seven years. The annual crop values from this area should total upwards of \$2,000,000. An attempt by the local authorities to close this gap in the dyke was made in 1923 without success. Special precautions were taken this year to build a structure that could withstand the attacks of waves at high water and also be safe against the tendency to undermining due to the sand hills that exist at the site of the main work.

A tuck ditch was excavated from eight to ten feet in depth and 100 feet wide, into which selected clay was packed after about piling 14 feet long had been driven immediately in front. This clay core, begun in the tuck ditch, was carried up through the dyke to the top. A well selected clay cover was also put on the river slope of the dyke and a lighter cover on the other slope. This seemed necessary, due to a quantity of sand that was mixed in with the silt material that had to be used for this structure. Stone wave protection was also added for a distance of 4,000 lineal feet in the most hazardous portion of the dyke. In the widest section, this dyke is 250 feet across at the base and 30 feet high.

The other Hupeh project was put through one hundred and eighty miles. Above Hankow the Han River has a sharp bend at the village of Taskow and in 1923 the rapid erosion caused by the swift current at high water broke through this dyke, flooding a large area of the country to the south. The damage was extremely heavy and attempts were at once made to repair the break. These were under local management carried out in the summer of 1924. They proved abortive, however, and the China International Famine Relief Commission was asked to put in new work this year. This was started in March and completed in May at a total cost of about \$70,000. This work held through the flood period of the past summer and saved the crops in the region that had gone under water the two previous summers, thus furnishing dependable insurance against flood for \$5,000,000 worth of foodstuffs.

In Chihli many plans were made, but few carried out in 1923. The thing that seemed most necessary required more money than could be found. Reference is here made to the proposed Tu Liu Root channel, going from a point about 25 miles south-west of Tientsin on the Hsi Ho in an easterly direction to the sea, a distance of about 45 miles. The earthwork on this job was estimated at about \$6,000,000 and this job still seems the most necessary piece of flood prevention work to be undertaken in central Chihli.

With limited funds, the only practical work to be undertaken in the flooded area was dyke repairing in the region between Paoingfu and Tientsin. Although plans were made for repairs near West Lake, north of Wei An Wa and along the Hsi Ho, only the latter were finally carried out. The Tsin Hai work cost approximately \$60,000, half of which was advanced by the Chihli Committee. Assistant Engineer Yang handled this work in the late spring and summer and completed it on time, so that while other regions in the immediate vicinity were under water, a large territory lying east of the Hsi Ho was saved from flood and all summer and fall crops were harvested.

During the summer of 1923, plans and estimates have been completed by Engineer Hauch of the Commission for the Shih La Irrigation Works, immediately west of Peking.

Water is to be taken from the Yung Ting Ho to irrigate 70,000 *mu* of semi-arid land. This will cost \$75,000 and will add a large area of agricultural land near the capital that can be devoted to market gardening. The construction of this project is to be completed early next summer.

On August 20th, at the invitation of the authorities of the North-west, the Chief Engineers took a complete survey party from Peking to Wu Yuan, 100 miles west of the western terminus of the Peking-Suiyuan Railway, where surveys were commenced on August 29th to make a study of the old irrigation canal system in this region of approximately 8,000,000 *mu* of farming land that is about to be used as a new settlement for the overflowing population from Shantung and Chihli. These surveys are still under way under the direction of Engineer Yang. A report will be issued later in the year, making definite recommendations for revising the system of irrigation to the end that genuine crop insurance may be effected.

Shantung became a very active problem when on August 15th, the inner Yellow River broke near Lingpu. Western Shantung, gave away so that within the few days following, the basin lying between the inner and outer south dykes of the Yellow River between Lingpu and the old Grand Canal, was dried to several feet in depth with the flood waters from the river. A thousand villages and all the crops in the fields were destroyed. On September 20th, a break occurred in the main south dyke 30 li south-west of Shihliu, letting a large portion of this water flow out across the country to the south and east, flooding a new area. Altogether nearly a thousand square miles of good farming land were flooded so that the fall crops were ruined and but little of the land was available for fall wheat planting. The damages have been estimated at approximately \$20,000,000.

At the invitation of the Shantung Government, the Chief Engineer has made two inspection trips to this broken region, and early in October placed two engineers on the work to make careful measurements of the river and the damaged dykes to gather data for final estimates on cost of reconstruction, and the authorities are now urging the Commission to undertake the work of transferring the river back into its previous channel.

The project is very similar to the one planned and carried out by the Commission's Chief Engineer near Li Chin, Shantung, in 1922 and 1923 and the same methods may be used in making these repairs. His gaugings show that only half of the present flow of the river is going through the Lingpu break, while the other half remains in the former river channel. The preliminary estimates of the Chief Engineer indicate that approximately \$1,500,000 should be spent in repairing the damage caused to the dykes by these breaks and in safeguarding that part of the river with stone-work against similar disasters in the future.

While the trip of investigation of the Chief Engineer in late May in Szechuen showed that there were famine conditions, and the new Chungking Committee unanimously decided that the main work project should be the construction of a motor road connecting Chungking with Chengtu, political conditions in Szechuen have prevented the immediate undertaking of this project. The survey party was organized and about to start the work in late September, but has temporarily postponed going into the field. It is estimated that the road will cost approximately \$4,000,000 and will take two or three years to construct; much of it being through mountainous country in sandstone rock. (Continued at foot of next column.)

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### A WEAK EXCUSE.

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A Chinese woman said that whilst the defendant was reading a meter at No. 18, Pine Street, she asked him to assist her in applying to the Company to have a meter installed in her house. He agreed on condition that she paid \$10 deposit. She handed over the money, but no reply was ever received from the Company.

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Defendant stated that he handed the money to his cousin with the request that it be paid to the Company's office at Hok Tin. His cousin, who was called, said that he had failed to find the Company's offices, and retained the money, which he then produced in Court.

On his being informed that the defendant would be dismissed by the Company, His Worship bound him over for six months.

#### SPANISH TRADE WAR ON GERMANY.

##### PROHIBITIVE DUTIES IMPOSED.

By a Royal decree published in the Madrid Gazette on the 8th ult., the importation of German goods into the free ports of the Canary Islands and Morocco is totally prohibited and 60 per cent. duty over and above the first column duties of the Customs Tariff is imposed on all German goods entering Spain and the Balearic Islands.

This very severe action has been taken in consequence of what is described officially as the "defiant attitude of Germany and the dilatoriness of the negotiations for a commercial treaty. The Madrid Press is unanimous in upholding the action taken by the Government, which has a precedent during the tariff war with France in 1920.

Last year Germany imported from Spain goods to the value of 106,000,000 Reichsmarks (£23,300,000) and German exports to Spain totalled 90,000,000 Reichsmarks (£24,500,000). During the first six months of the present year the commercial balance is believed to have increased in favour of Spain by some 20,000,000 Reichsmarks (£1,000,000).

German traders appear to have foreseen the present rupture. For several months past large stocks of German goods have been ordered and the congestion at both frontier stations of Iran and Port Bou is great and 450 railway trucks are stated to be awaiting dispatch. These goods, having arrived before the expiration of the commercial treaty, will not be penalized. The rupture comes at an awkward moment for the Spanish exporters, as the busy season in the wine trade is approaching and there is great activity in raisins and bananas. Should shipment of oranges to Germany be delayed, as now seems inevitable, the result may be more favourable prices for British purchasers.

#### THE "EGYPT'S" GOLD.

##### A NEW GERMAN DIVING APPARATUS TO BE USED.

Lloyd's List has an interesting announcement concerning the attempt which is to be made to raise the bullion from the P. and O. steamer *Egypt*, which was sunk after collision with the *Seine* off Ushant. It states that the Salvage Association placed the rights of recovery of the bullion in the *Egypt* with Mr. C. P. Sandberg and Mr. J. Swinburne, who made arrangements with the Gothenburg Towing and Salvage Company to locate the *Egypt*, and what is believed to be the wreck was discovered by the company two years ago. The French firm with which Messrs. Sandberg and Swinburne have now entered into a contract is L'Union d'Entreprises Sous-Marines. It is thought, as a result of negotiations, that the task of recovering the bullion could be undertaken with the greatest chances of success by a French firm working from a French base.

A German "deep-sea" diving apparatus has been developed by Messrs. Neufeldt and Kuhnke of Kiel, by means of which it is claimed that a diver is able to work at a depth of 500 ft., which is an even greater depth than that at which the *Egypt* is believed to lie, namely, 64 fathoms. The difficulty hitherto experienced was to carry out operations so far down owing to the pressure of water, but it is stated that the German apparatus has stood the test at the depth mentioned. The operations are to be begun in the early spring, Brest being the base. There are, of course, many difficulties in the way, not the least of which may be the currents which may have to be overcome, coupled with bad weather, but there will be a general hope that at length, after much patient investigation, a means will have been found of recovering the sunken bullion. The value of the bullion which went down with the *Egypt* was estimated at £1,000,000, £235,000 in gold and £250,000 in silver.

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#### SOVIET TRADE MONOPOLY. PROJECTED ALTERATION.

At a recent secret sitting of the Commission of the Central Committee of the Communist Party with representatives of the Vneshtorg, there was a heated debate on whether it was expedient or not to introduce changes in the system of the monopoly of foreign trade.

As the decisions of the Communist Party determine all the measures of the Soviet Government, the resolutions of this joint sitting are of considerable interest, says the Riga correspondent of *The Times*. They represent a compromise between the advocates of strict and consistent monopoly and business interests who consider that for an extension of trade with the West radical changes in the existing system are needed.

The resolutions declared that the monopoly was necessary not only for the preservation of the social and political structure of the Soviet State, but for its economic protection against the "assaults of foreign capital." Nevertheless, it was necessary to make the system more elastic by organizing all the companies and syndicates into combines, each industry having its own combine. It was considered advisable to begin by organizing four combines for the handling of the export of timber, butter, coal, and furs, and six for the import of raw cotton, agricultural machinery, equipment for the textile, metal, electro-technical, and chemical industries. The combines will not require special licences, but all transactions abroad must pass through the trade agencies attached to the Soviet Legations. The proposers of this scheme consider it will be easier for such special export and import combines to obtain credits in European markets.

Much interest is shown in the negotiations which are said to be proceeding between American capitalists and the German Reichsbank for the financing of German trade in the East. In Soviet Government circles it is said that the American capitalists are willing to grant Germany credits for trade with the Soviet Republics provided that the German banks accept the sole liability for such operations. Apparently the negotiations which it is reported were begun in this sense by Dr. Wirth, the former German Chancellor, are now assuming greater scope. It is difficult to judge whether the Americans have really expressed willingness thus to finance Soviet Russia, through Germany's mediation. Possibly the report is merely a "Red" balloon d'essai.



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#### IRREGULAR TAXES ON TRADE.

##### DISCRIMINATION AGAINST BRITISH FIRMS.

The Peking Correspondent of *The Times* in a recent message says:

Every vessel on the Upper Yangtze is stopped at various points in the Gorges by troops or bandits and forced to contribute an arbitrary sum. That is not *likin*, or a direct tax on goods, but in effect it is a levy on trade. Every wagon load of goods on the Suiyuan railway destined for British firms at the coast has to pay, in addition to the legitimate transit charges \$380 to Feng Yu Hsiang's officers, otherwise there are no wagons. That is not *likin*, but it is an irregular tax on trade. Everywhere throughout the country similar taxation is being imposed by the military, totally against the law of the land and in violation of treaties. In the case of Feng Yu Hsiang's men charge nationalities other than British only \$240 per car load, regardless of the fact that China at Washington guaranteed no discrimination on her railways. Another of the Christian General's plans for making money irregularly out of trade is the creation of a monopoly for the motor-transport trade between Kalgan and Urga by imposing a charge of \$500 on every foreign motor-car leaving Kalgan. Other militarists who have patched up roads in the interior are doing the same thing.

#### SHANGHAI RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

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#### HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 11th.

	Previous Day at 3 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Day at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.12	30.11	30.10
Temperature	68	68	71
Humidity	69	68	71
Wind Direction	E	North	41
Force	1	1	1
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.06	0.00	0.00
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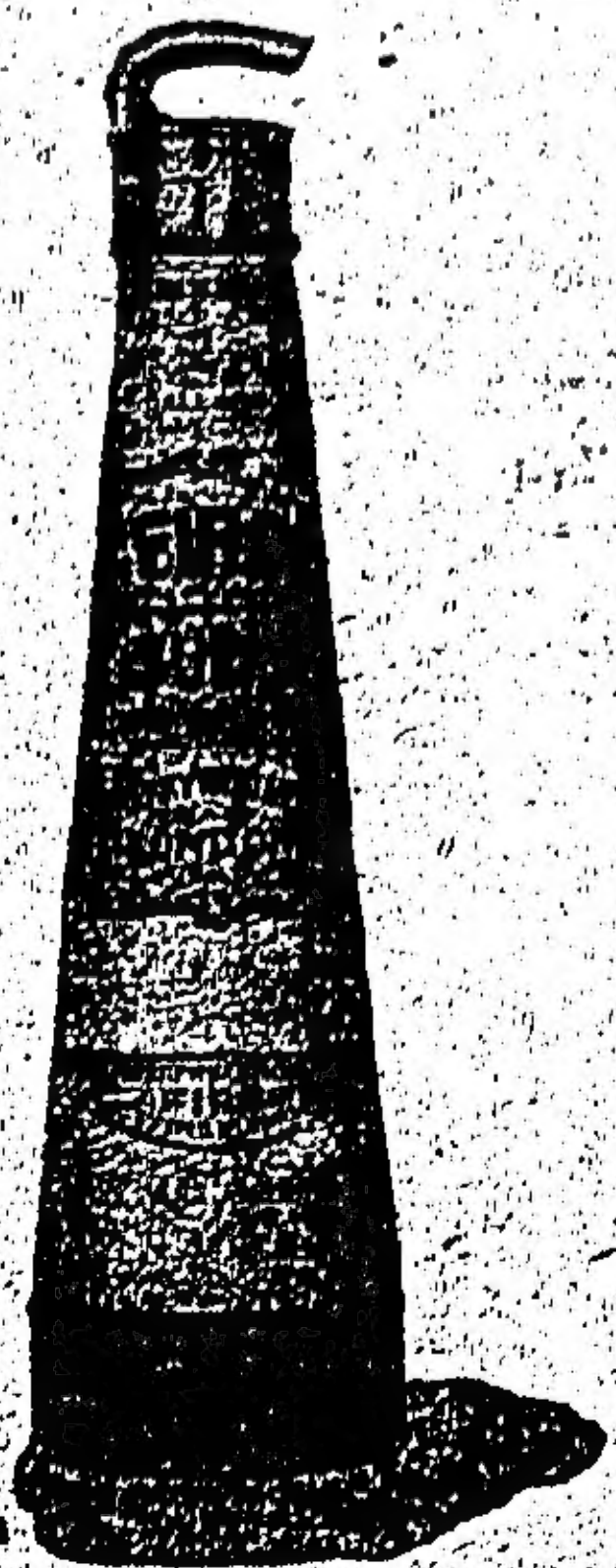
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## FOOTBALL.

The following games are down for decision to-day—

## LAI WAH CUP COMPETITION—

## SEMI-FINAL.

CIVILIANS v. ARMY.

The game will be on Sookunpoo "A" ground at 4.00 p.m.

Referee: Mr. Matthews. Linesmen: Austen and Phillips.

Civilians:—Rodger (Club); Wynne (Police) and Bishop (Club); Britain (Police); J. Stewart (Club); and McKelvie (Kowloon); Taylor (Kowloon); Forsyth (Club); Gosano (Kowloon); Howard (Club) and Simpson (Police).

Army:—Stanton (R.A.); Cooper and Jordan (East Surreys); McGreary (East Surreys); Sims (R.A.M.C.); and Bristow (East Surreys); Charlesworth, Mitchell; Hamblestone, Butler and Mackleworth (East Surreys).

On paper, the Army have a very strong team and is the same that defeated the Navy in a Charity game early in the month.

Their middle line is practically the strongest in the Colony at the moment and the Civilians forwards will do well to pass it. Having got the better of the middle line, the last line of defence should be easily overcome, for under pressure, neither Cooper nor Jordan is considered safe. The Army will also have the advantage forward, playing the whole line from the East Surreys.

Watson will not be out for the Civilians, his place being taken by Brittain. Roche, will not be out owing to an injury and Howard of the Club completes the forward line. With Wynne and Bishop, playing their usual game, the scoring should be low and a further meeting necessary to decide who shall meet the winners of the replay—Navy v. South China, in the final of the competition.

There are no senior league games to-day.

## Division II. "A."

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

South China "A" v. St. Joseph's, Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Windsor.

Club de Recreo v. East Surreys Drums, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Sleep.

Hongkong Club Reserves v. Kowloon Reserves, Hongkong Club ground. Referee: Mr. Smith, R.N.

## Division II. "B."

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

East Surreys Drums Reserves v. South China "C", Sookunpoo "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Arnold.

St. Joseph's Reserves v. South China "B", South China ground. Referee: Mr. Melvor.

Kowloon "B" v. Moslem Club "B", Navy "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Fernie.

## Division II. "C."

Kick-off at 4 p.m.

University v. Moslem Club "A", Sookunpoo "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Baldwin.

The match in the "A" Division between the East Surreys Res and the R.A. which was to have been played at Happy Valley this afternoon has been postponed.

South China "A" meet St. Joseph's on the Garrison ground and the crowd expected at Sookunpoo to-day will be well catered for.

Kowloon Res. are visitors to the Club ground and on present form should win. The Recreation receive the East Surreys Drums at Kowloon and the visitors should return with the points.

The University return to the league after a fortnight's absence and the Students should win over the Moslem Club.

St. Joseph's Reserves and South China "B" should play a drawn game. The result of the Kowloon and Moslem Club "B" teams will be in doubt until the final whistle sounds. The Kowloon team showed much improvement in their play last week.

## GOLF.

## TO-MORROW'S CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

To-morrow golf championships will be played both at Fanling and Happy Valley.

At Fanling the semi-finals of the Club championship (18 holes)—B. U. Ireland v. A. H. Ferguson, 9.30 a.m.; W. Douglas v. R. M. Smith, 9.45 a.m.

At Happy Valley the final of the junior section championship (36 holes) J. Stewart v. J. Laing.

## HOCKEY.

## SUBMARINES DEFEAT HOCKEY CLUB 2ND XI.

On the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon, on Thursday evening, the Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd XI. lost to the Submarines by 2 goals to nil.

The Club began the game with ten men, and their forward line had little cohesion. Their defence, however, played a strong game.

The Submarines attacked as soon as the game began, and following a well-combined movement by the forwards, Slade scored. The Club afterwards had their share of the attack, but the sides changed over with no further scoring.

On resumption, the Club played better, but the rushes of their forwards were continually spoiled by offside. The second goal for the Navy was registered by Berridge.

The Club team was:—A. J. Frank; C. L. B. Becher, A. P. T. Farquharson; E. F. Stewart, L. P. Ralph, G. B. Vallack; A. S. Egell, S. H. Garrod, D. Lyon; J. E. Noronha, T. J. Price.

## CRICKET.

## TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Four league matches, two in each division, and four "friendlies," are to be played to-day.

## Division I.

Civil Service C.C. 1st XI. v. Kowloon 1st XI. on the C.S.C.C. ground. Craigengower C.C. v. Chinese R.C. on the C.C.C. ground.

## League II.

Indian R.C. 2nd XI. v. Royal Navy 2nd XI. on the I.R.C. ground. Police R.C. v. Royal Engineers on the P.R.C. ground.

## Friendlies.

Hongkong C.C. "Outcasts" v. H.M.S. Havelock on the H.K.C.C. ground. University 1st XI. v. Royal Navy 1st XI. on the University ground.

Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI. v. Civil Service C.C. "A" on the K.C.C. ground.

Wayfoong v. Ewo, on the Chinese Recreation Club ground.

## EWO v. WAYFOONG.

The following will represent Ewo in the above match, to be played on the C.R.C. ground to-day, at 2 p.m.—D. G. M. Bernard, R. E. Macdonald, O. M. Eager, W. Cornaby, E. Stevenson, N. Ralston, A. Gordon, W. Galloway, F. Pollock, W. Smith and W. W. MacKenzie.

## RUGBY.

## TO-DAY'S PRACTICE GAME.

A practice rugby match will be played to-day between the H.K.F.C. (rugby section) and the Navy. In view of the interport match at Shanghai at the end of the month, interport selectors will watch the game.

## BOWLS.

## F.B.G.C. ANNUAL CLOSING BAY.

This afternoon the Kowloon Bowling Green Club will hold its closing day of the lawn bowls season.

Prizes won recently will be distributed.

## SEA-BEDS.

## TO-MORROW'S YACHTING RACE.

To-morrow the yachts of the cruiser class will sail their annual race round the Island, the second of their series of championship races. The start is at 10.30, and the course is about 25 miles.

At 9.45 a motor-boat will leave Murray Pier to take members to the Club-house.

Mr. H. S. Rouse, the sailing secretary of the R.H.K.Y.C. returned to the Colony this week from Home leave, and will sail his cruiser in the race.

## BOXING.

## COME GOOD FIGHTS FOR THE NEXT TOURNEY.

(BY CARDOPED.)

The H.K.B.A. have in prospect the staging of a big fight at their next tourney, which takes place on December 24th. Nothing has been fixed up yet, but the two boxers have been much talked about of late. If the fight comes off the Association may be assured of a good house.

A ten-round contest between Drummer Bowles and Naegelin, the French flyweight, who arrived in the Colony on Thursday on the French cruiser, Jules Michelet, is also being mooted. The French boy has a very fine record, and Bowles, is a lad who can box and fight.

He seemed to have improved in his fight with Signalmann Rogers at the last tournament, and a fight between him and Naegelin should be well worth seeing.

Harry Major is also likely to have a return bout with A.B. Gardner. In the last contest he lost over 6 rounds on points. He is now strictly training under the tutelage of Jim Cartledge, and I would not be surprised to see him win.

Gardner is, however, a little heavier, and he showed, particularly when he defeated Drummer Bowles on points, that he is a clever boxer.

The tournament promises to be an excellent one, though the night chosen is considered by many unwise for obvious reasons.

## ROWING.

## MR. E. B. C. HORNEILL PRESENTS CUP FOR HONG RACE.

Mr. E. B. C. Horneill has offered to the R.H.K.Y.C. rowing committee a silver cup to be known as the Hong Kow Challenge Cup.

His offer has been accepted by the Yacht Club committee, and Mr. Horneill has been thanked for his generous gift.

Rules to govern the trophy have been drawn up by the rowing committee. In short they are, that the cup will be rowed for annually under the auspices of the R.H.K.Y.C. and A.B.A. rules.

Both crews and coxswains have to be provided by the Hong, competing and provided by the A.B.A. members of the Yacht Club.

For the purposes of the competition a Hong has been defined as any firm operating in Hongkong including the head office staff of any of their associated companies, or the bona fide members of any one Government Department.

The course is to be not less than a mile.

Rowing men generally will regret to hear that Dr. E. P. Minett has been obliged through pressure of work to relinquish his position as rowing captain at the R.H.K.Y.C. In his stead a very popular member in Mr. R. M. Jack has been elected.

## THE SAI KUNG TRAGEDY.

## ENQUIRY CONCERNING DEATH OF SERGT. A. H. BLACKMAN.

An enquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Sergeant A. H. Blackman, who was found dead in his room at Sai Kung Police Station, New Territories, on the morning of December 3rd, under circumstances which pointed to his having shot himself, was opened by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, sitting as a Coroner, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

There was a jury present, comprising Messrs. E. G. N. Grimble (foreman), Carl Bunje and Garch Cheung.

Opening the enquiry, the Coroner said he thought the jury would have no difficulty in coming to the conclusion that it was a case of suicide while of unsound mind.

Fu Tsh Fang, a Northern dialect interpreter at Sai Kung Police Station, said that Sergeant Blackman took charge of that Station on November 8th this year and then appeared to be in good health.

On November 29th Sergeant Blackman told him that he was feeling unwell, but did not say he was worried. Between November 29th and December 2nd, deceased was taken ill. For a great part of the time he lay on his bed, but came down to the charge-room at times to carry out his duties. Deceased appeared to be very ill.

During the night of November 30th he spoke of going to hospital, but next day said that he felt better. On the night of December 2nd deceased was taken ill again. Witness saw deceased in the charge-room at 7 p.m. on December 2nd. Nothing was said by deceased. At 8 p.m. witness went to Sergeant Blackman's room and asked for the key of the revolver chest in order that the patrol might go out on duty. Deceased then told him that his head was aching and witness touched Sergeant Blackman's head and cheek and found they were very hot.

Witness asked him if he would go to hospital and Sergeant Blackman replied that he would see about it the next day. During the night of the 2nd of December the wind blew considerably. Witness was not awakened during the night and did not hear a shot fired. The next morning, Sergeant Blackman's boy came and made a report to him and in consequence witness went to him and in consequence witness and those in the Station went up to Sergeant Blackman's room where they found him dead in bed, with a revolver in his right hand. There was much blood by his head. The body was not disturbed and a telephone message was sent to the A.S.P. at Tai Po.

It was part of deceased's duty to collect certain revenue from the distillery and on the night of December 2nd there were over \$300 in the safe at Sai Kung Station. Sergeant Blackman had not liked collecting this revenue for the Government and had remarked to witness that the collection of this money was not police work; but that the Revenue Officer should do it. Deceased was worried about this money. At this time deceased was the only European officer at the Station, but now there were two European officers there. Deceased had never asked for a doctor to be sent out to Sai Kung.

## MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Dr. E. E. Minett (Government bacteriologist and officer in charge of mortuaries) said that on December 4th he carried out an examination on Sergeant Blackman's body, which revealed the presence of a bullet hole on the right side of the head, charred at the edges. This showed that the bullet was fired at very close quarters. There was another hole on the left side of the head much about the same level. The bullet, in his opinion, entered the right side and came out on the left side. It traversed the base of the brain and fractured a portion of the base of the skull. The wound was consistent with deceased having shot himself while lying down. Death was due to this shot wound. Witness found, during his examination, fairly advanced tuberculosis in the upper lobe of each lung and there was a cavity in the left lung. He also had tubercular ulceration of the intestines and tuberculosis of the internal glands. All the other organs were healthy. The tubercular conditions found were such as to cause high fever, and Sergeant Blackman must have been very ill for a long time before his death.

In reply to the Coroner, Dr. Minett said that if Sergeant Blackman had been examined within three months before his death his condition would have been discovered. The presence of a cavity denoted old-standing tuberculosis.

In reply to Mr. W. G. Gerrard (A.S.P. New Territories), Dr. Minett said in view of the district of Sai Kung being noted for malaria, he made a special examination of Sergeant Blackman's body, but found no obvious signs of malaria.

In reply to the Coroner, who had previously asked whether deceased had not been in hospital during the last twelve months, Mr. Gerrard said he had made enquiries at the Tai Sha Tsui Police Station that afternoon and the records there did not show that Sergeant Blackman had been in hospital. During the last twelve months, however, that he had seen a medical man privately.

Detective-Sergeant Murphy said he knew Sergeant Blackman and on December 4th he identified the body at the Victoria Mortuary in the presence of Dr. Minett.

Hau Chung, Cantonese interpreter at Sai Kung, said he was transferred to Sai Kung on December 1st. He heard Sergeant Blackman tell his predecessor that he felt ill and intended to go to hospital. The next day Sergeant Blackman said he felt better and had decided not to go to hospital. Witness last saw Sergeant Blackman alive on the night of December 2nd in the charge-room and the next morning witness, with others, saw him lying dead and telephoned for Mr. Gerrard (A.S.P.) at Tai Po. Witness heard no shot fired during the night of December 2nd and his window was shut. Deceased's window was also shut when they entered his room and found him dead.

(Continued on next column.)

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE IN MANILA.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.]

Sir.—Early in November you published a telegram from Manila saying that the Board of Medical Examiners had ruled that the practice of Christian Science was illegal.

It was not stated on what grounds that opinion was based, and I suppose it was on the assumption that the practice of Christian Science was contrary to some Act regulating the practice of medicine. But I am told that it is not so.

In many of the States in the U.S.A. there are provisions in Acts such as referred to above exempting those who practice healing by means other than medicine and surgery from the requirements of the Acts and in some cases Christian Science is specifically mentioned. For instance, in North Dakota there is the following:—

"Nothing in this Act, however, shall be construed . . . to prohibit the practice of Christian Science or other religious tenets or religious rules or ceremonies as a form of religious worship, devotion or healing, provided that the persons administering or making use of or assisting or prescribing such do not prescribe or administer drugs or medicines nor perform surgical or physical operations, nor assume the title of or hold themselves out to be physicians or surgeons."

In Massachusetts, "The provisions of the eight preceding sections shall not be held to discriminate against any particular school of system of medicine and . . . shall not apply to persons practicing . . . Christian Science."

Numerous other examples could be cited but the above will show that far from being regarded as illegal in the United States the practice of Christian Science is actually recognised in many of the states.—Yours faithfully,

D. G. M. BERNARD.

Committee on Publication.  
Hongkong, December 10th, 1925.

## ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The results of the Examinations of the Royal Drawing Society held in Hongkong in June have just arrived. The following candidates gained certificates:

## CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.

## DIVISION I.

HONOURS.—J. Hirst, A. Kerr, U. Mitchell, L. Tolan, J. Suiter, J. Maycock, K. Chester, J. Sloan, L. Carr, M. Whitley, V. Levkovich, A. Taylor, A. Chester.

PASS.—K. Glendinning, T. Ingram, Y. Langley, H. Toffe, J. Gourlay, A. Kelly, J. Patterson, J. Whyte, R. Hammond, E. Lammert, M. Taylor, F. Wiltshire.

## DIVISION 2.

HONOURS.—J. Hirst, A. Kerr, H. Brown, E. Wiltshire, L. Williams, J. Maycock, J. Black, E. Kilburn, E. Stewart, G. Saunders, M. Whitley, L. Glendinning, A. Mitchell, K. Nightingale, U. Mitchell.

PASS.—S. Bander, C. Dixon, G. Fowler, G. MacClay, A. Blyth, D. Dransfield, E. Frost, P. Ponsford, G. Carr, L. Dunn, D. Kelly, J. Smith.

## DIVISION 3.

HONOURS.—J. Hirst, A. Kerr, H. Pearne, J. Maycock, W. Hirst, H. Smith, M. Whitley, M. King, M. Wiltchell, G. Arnold, E. Nicholls, R. Woolley.

PASS.—F. Anslow, L. Huggatt, A. Maycock, Y. Barker, J. Lyon, H. Williams, M. George, E. MacNider, P. Hunt, S. MacNider.

## DIVISION 4.

HONOURS.—J. Hirst, A. Kerr, J. Maycock, M. Weston, R. Wiltchell, W. Hirst, G. Arnold, E. Nicholls.

PASS.—M. Whitley, J. Laing, D. Fero, G. MacNider, D. Hynes, S. MacNider, P. Hynes, H. Woolley.

## DIVISION 5.

HONOURS.—A. Bliss, A. Kerr, J. Hirst, M. Weston, J. Maycock, G. Arnold.

PASS.—J. Fothergill, R. Wiltchell, L. White, M. Whitley, S. Whitley.

## DIVISION 6.

HONOURS.—M. Whitley.

PASS.—J. Hirst, A. Kerr, J. Maycock, R. Wiltchell, G. Arnold.

## KOWLOON JUNIOR SCHOOL.

## PREPARATORY DIVISION.

HONOURS.—May Wiltchell, Joan Berry, Mae Brown, Francis B. Donald, Douglas G. Dixon, Robert Blyth, Allen Greenwood, Nellie H. Docherty.

PASS.—Boris Levkovich, Eric T. Moor, Patrick Young, Isabel Lammert, Robert Stout, Sarah L. Salmon, Margaret Adams, Sidney J. Rogers, George Pile, Ian McDonald, Black, David Whyte, Joan Pendicce, Patsy Parker, Olga Barle, William T. Allen.

Teang Fu, who had been Sergeant Blackman's cook-boy, said he last saw Sergeant Blackman alive at 7.15 p.m. on December 2nd. He prepared dinner that night for Sergeant Blackman, who when informed that it was ready said "No, wait, now."

Witness put the meal away and took some tea up to Sergeant Blackman's bed-room. Sergeant Blackman, who was in bed, said "All right," and witness left the tea there. That was the last time he saw his master alive. Deceased had appeared to be ill a few days before his death. On the morning of December 3rd witness took a cup of tea up to Sergeant Blackman at 7 o'clock. He received no answer to his knock at the door and on entering discovered Sergeant Blackman lying dead in bed, with blood all over the left side of his face.

At this juncture the Coroner adjourned the enquiry until next Thursday afternoon and requested Mr. Gerrard (A.S.P.) to ascertain whether Sergeant Blackman had been in hospital or had received medical attendance during the last twelve months.



## CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]  
PREPARING FOR THE END OF  
THE BOYCOTT.

Probably in anticipation of a settlement of the boycott and strike in Canton and Hongkong, the Chinese steamship companies operating vessels between these ports are perfecting arrangements for the renewal of traffic. In addition to providing excursion trips for Hongkong representative Chinese business men to Canton, the Tung On Company has announced that they will carry all workers back from Canton to Hongkong free of charge on the occasion of the lifting of the boycott.

Wuchow is also anxiously looking for the ending of the strike, from which the residents there are suffering because of stoppage of Hongkong-Wuchow traffic and trade. Wuchow is paying \$3.00 for a sack of flour, 30 cents for a pound of refined sugar or 25 cents a catty of native sugar and \$7 to \$8 for a picul of rice, 35 cents a catty of groundnut oil, 45 to 50 cents a catty of meat. The prices of such foreign goods as kerosene oil and electric light globes, are soaring because of the shortage of imports due to the boycott.

## THE TELEGRAPH SERVICES.

Despite the numerous military operations in Kwangtung during the last few years, during which many telegraph stations have been either damaged or totally destroyed, the latest reports show that there are still more than 90 offices in operation, although a number of them are in the hands of troop commanders. An effort is now being made to centralize the telegraph administration in the province, and the Canton Government has issued orders to the troops to this effect.

The Chungshan, or Dr. Sun Yat Sen public highway, from Tungshan, the eastern suburb of Canton City, to Chuchuen, a village near Whampoa, is now almost completed.

This new highway will be of historical interest in the future on account of the fact that all the work of construction has been done by Chinese strikers who left Hongkong for Canton last June soon after the Shanghai incident of May 30th.

## RECONSTRUCTION WORK.

Since the conclusion of hostilities in Southern Kwangtung, reconstruction measures have begun in Yungkong and other districts under the auspices of the Kuomintang. It is stated that a public highway, 140 li in length, connecting Yungkong and Yenching districts will be built, a ceremonial start with the project having been made on December 2nd by civil and military officials there. They expected to finish the work within six months. In addition to public improvements, steps have been taken to prevent the further spread of plague now prevalent in the district.

## THE NEW Y.M.C.A.

WHAT THE MEMBERS INTEND  
TO DO.

At an informal gathering of members of the new Y.M.C.A. at Kowloon on Thursday night, the aims, objects and the work the Association intended to do on the Peninsula were outlined by Mr. J. H. Hunt, the Secretary.

They intended, he said, to form various committees. The Social Committee would be responsible for entertainments, indoor games and billiard tournaments, there would be a Library Committee to arrange for the supply of new books, and the Debating Club would be responsible for the organization of debates, lectures and mock trials.

The Camera Club would have the supervision of the dark room and arrange camera, outings and exhibitions, while a Sports Committee would be in charge of all outdoor sports. It was decided to pick the most suitable members to serve on the various committees by asking members to say which committees they were best able to serve on.

## CHINA STATION APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on November 8th:—Lieut. Comdr. C. M. Butlin, D.S.C., to *Chilopee*, for passage and duty (on commg.), and to *Hawkins*, addl. (on commg.); H. E. Hesman, to *Porpoise*, and F. S. Graham, to *Hollyhock* (December 1st).

The following appointment was made on November 7th:—Comdr. Engr. W. A. Lewis, appt. to *Hollyhock* and passage in *Yarhinuth*, cancelled.

The following appointments were made on November 8th:—Payr. Comdr. C. E. N. Lewis to *Vind*, addl. (November 15th), and to *Hawkins*, addl. (December 1st), and as Fleet Asst. Officer on commg. Payr. Lieut. V. R. Jordan to *Hawkins* (December 1st), Payr. Sub-Lieut. C. E. Butherford, to *Hawkins* (December 1st), Payr. Mid. G. T. Millet, to *Hawkins* (December 1st).

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC  
SOCIETY.SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION OF  
"IOLANTHE."

When the Hongkong Philharmonic Society last year announced its intention to produce a Gilbert and Sullivan Opera—"Yeomen of the Guard"—the welcome accorded to the announcement was tempered by a presentiment that it would prove to be an over-ambitious enterprise; but when the time arrived for the public performance it was universally acknowledged that success beyond general expectation had been achieved. Some months later the Society presented "The Gondoliers," and earned further laurels. It had been fortunate in finding in Mr. Weller, of H.M. Naval Yard, a most capable producer with experience in amateur theatricals and abundant enthusiasm, and in Mr. Stanley Collett, the musical director, the Society had the generous help of a gentleman no less keen and competent. The public appreciation which had been won by these two productions encouraged the Society to produce yet another of Gilbert and Sullivan's Operas, ever popular though in the libretto a little out of date in parts. For "Iolanthe," however, a new producer had to be discovered. Mr. Weller, having left the Colony early in the year, on transfer to another Naval Station. The Society has been fortunate in finding an able successor to him in Mr. R. R. Davies. Mr. Stanley Collett's services as musical director were again available and musical critics, we think, will agree that the presentation of "Iolanthe" benefits in many respects by his experiences in the earlier productions.

In a community of this size, with a very limited range of musical talent, an endeavour to produce anything on the scale of an opera encounters difficulties such as no similar Society would have to face at home. A Carl Rosa standard is not, of course; to be expected, but we are confident that it will be ungrudgingly acknowledged by all who witness the performance of "Iolanthe" that a very gratifying level of success has been achieved, and that all concerned in its production are entitled to generous compliments.

The fantastical story of the opera is well known to most people. A short summary of it has appeared in these columns quite recently, and the story is told in greater detail in the interesting souvenir programme supplied without charge, to those who attend the performances. It is therefore unnecessary to give a résumé of it here.

The rôle of Iolanthe, once the idol of Fairyland, who had been banished for transgressing the law by marrying a mortal and is pardoned by the Queen five-and-twenty years later, in time to prevent the Lord Chancellor marrying his ward in chancery, who had fallen in love with Iolanthe's son Strephon, is taken by Mrs. Stanley Collett, while the part of Phyllis, the Arcadian Shepherdess and ward in chancery is taken by Mrs. A. M. Bower-Smith, and that of the Queen of Fairyland by Mrs. Neil Mathieson. Mrs. C. F. Bellamy, Mrs. D. Punschong and Miss V. M. Jefford are leaders among the fairies. Mr. A. J. Brock, who took a prominent part in the previous operas, appears in this as the Lord Chancellor. Mr. J. C. Lyle takes the part of Strephon, Mr. D. M. Bycroft and Mr. D. M. Richards are the representative Peers who are responsible for some excellent songs, and Mr. G. H. Piercy is Private Willis of the Grenadier Guards who does sentry duty in Palace Yard, Westminster and sings "When all night long a ship remains."

The vocal abilities of most of the principals are so well known to Hongkong audiences that their names are in themselves assurances that the musical numbers for which they are individually responsible are well rendered.

There was a very good house last night for the opening performance. The opera went exceedingly well and the house was most enthusiastic.

The general impression one carries away from the Theatre is that the Opera is very successfully staged; that the principals have good voices and act their parts very creditably; that the chorus work by about twenty-five Fairies is an equal number of Peers, is tuneful and pleasing; and last, but not least, that very good work is done by the orchestra of some twenty instruments.

The Chorus of Dukes, Marquises, Earls, Viscounts, Barons and Knights, comprises Messrs. Cornaby, Hayward, Hooper, Horder, Keeton, Logan, Lyle, Mather, Morgan, Nicholson, Ost, Provan, Rowe, Starling, Misses Cole, McClay, Mow, Fung, Odell, Shaw, Stanley, Stubbings, Tullan, Willmott, Messrs. Baldwin, Banner, Barnett, Bell, Bennett, Bensley, Best, Burrows, Evans, Excell, Farquharson, Fountain, Harmon, Harvey, Jefford, Nicholson, Ost, Paterson, Provan, Salter, Sanders, Shephard, Sutherland, Thomas, Thomson, Westlake.

The Orchestra is composed of the following:—Violins: Mrs. H. Balcun, Miss E. I. Box, Miss J. Bragg, Miss R. Judah, Mr. J. L. Alves, Mr. G. E. Long, year, Mr. C. A. P. Xavier; Viola: Mr. J. M. S. Rozario; Cello: Mr. N. U. Botelho; Double Bass: Mr. P. N. Sequeira; Pianist: Mrs. F. A. Griggs; Flute: Bandsman Briffitt; Oboe: Musician Curd; Clarinet: Bandsman Donovan; Cornet: Bandsman Hannan; Horn: Bandsman Muckleworth; Trombone: Corporal Johnson; Euphonium: Bandsman Wernham; Tympani: Bandsman Newell.

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MARRIED WOMEN'S AUTHORITY.  
IMPORTANT SUMMARY COURT  
JUDGMENT.DEFENDANT WINS IN LAMBERT-  
HIND CASE.

A husband must give express authority to his wife to contract for him, otherwise he is not liable for any debts which she may incur, because the authority of a married woman is a delegated and not an inherent authority, and marriage in itself gives her no authority to pledge her husband's credit.

These were some of the rulings by Mr. Justice Wood yesterday, when he gave judgment for Mr. W. B. Hind, the defendant in an action heard in the Summary Court on Tuesday, when Messrs. Lammert Bros. auctioneers, Duddell Street, sued him for payment of \$900, incurred by his wife in the purchase of goods on April 11th and June 5th, 1925.

Mr. Armstrong was for plaintiffs, and Mr. Hind defended himself.

His Lordship, giving judgment, said that the case raised the question of the right of a married woman to pledge her husband's credit. The goods purchased from the plaintiffs were pieces of household furniture, and the price for the total purchase was over \$600. On the printed list of conditions of sale at the two auctions, when the goods were secured, it was enjoined that cash must be paid before delivery. Nevertheless, the plaintiffs gave delivery on credit on both occasions. In fact, they gave delivery from the second auction before the debt incurred by the defendant's wife in connection with the first auction had been fully discharged. The defendant's wife had paid \$400 on account in two equal instalments, of which the first was paid by her own cheque. The furniture was delivered to her at an address other than her residence, and was used by her in a furnished flat which she proposed to let on her own account. Defendant and his wife were co-habiting at all material times. Their own residence was already fully furnished. The plaintiffs had sued defendant for the balance due on the contract made by his wife, which remained unpaid.

## AUTHORITY QUOTED.

His Lordship, continuing, said that the law applicable to the case was stated by Mr. Justice MacCardie in "Miss Gray, Ltd. v. Earl Cathcart," 1922. Extracts from the judgment were quoted by his Lordship. It was laid down that a person who dealt with a married woman on credit, did so, so far as regarded his remedy against her husband, at his own risk. It further declared that the authority of a married woman was a delegated and not an inherent authority, and that marriage in itself gives a wife no authority to pledge her husband's credit. A husband must give express authority to his wife to contract for him.

In the dispute between these parties, no question had arisen of express authority by estoppel. The plaintiffs, therefore, in order to succeed in their action would have to rely on the presumptive authority arising from co-habitation, in the wife to pledge her husband's credit for necessities.

His Lordship was satisfied that the plaintiffs had given credit in this matter to the defendant and not to his wife. A principal of the plaintiff firm (Mr. Lionel Lammert) had so stated in evidence, and he accepted that statement. In spite of the fact that defendant had not deemed it advisable to contest the question whether the goods supplied to his wife were necessities, he (His Lordship) felt bound to say that, having regard to all the circumstances, he could not believe that the plaintiffs had at all times throughout these transactions re-examination of defendant and his wife. For that reason, as well as for other reasons, the plaintiffs could not succeed.

Having accepted the onus of disproving the presumptive authority in his wife to contract on his behalf, the defendant had successfully rebutted the presumption, by showing that his wife was already supplied with sufficient furniture in their residence. On that ground also, the plaintiffs' case must fail.

In conclusion, Mr. Justice Wood, said that he wished to add a supplementary comment on a point which did not appear to have been raised by the case decided by Mr. Justice MacCardie to which he had referred. The fact that the plaintiffs who were public auctioneers announced in their printed conditions of sale "Cash before delivery," seemed to him to estop them from setting up any presumptive authority in the married woman who may be a successful bidder in a public auction, to pledge her husband's credit. He, therefore, gave judgment for defendant.

Mr. R. R. Davies is the stage manager and producer; the stage lighting is done by Messrs. Derrick & Coles, and Mr. Neil Mathieson discharges the duties of property manager. The onerous duties of the secretary are performed by Mr. J. S. Gillingham who is assisted by Mr. J. W. Jefford.

The opera is being repeated to-night and five further performances are announced for next week including a matinee on Wednesday. It affords a most enjoyable evening's entertainment, and we cannot doubt that the public patronage accorded to the production of "Iolanthe" will not fall short of that which was given to the two previous operas produced by the Philharmonic Society. It certainly deserves such a tribute of appreciation.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT  
DE PAUL.LAST SUNDAY'S FETE REALIZES  
\$23,000.

The gross receipts of the Rose Day and the Bazaar are expected to amount to about \$23,000.00.

The Committee desire to convey their thanks to all who assisted in making the Bazaar as successful as could be expected considering the prevailing conditions and difficult times; to the many generous contributors to the general fund of the Fête, to the ladies and various stores and firms who sent souvenirs and prizes for the various stalls—Col. Montague Bates and Officers for the Band of the "East Surreys"—the Rev. Fathers of the Italian Mission for the use of the Cathedral compound, the Hongkong Electric Light Co. for illumination, the Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department for the Christmas Trees, the Public Works Department for the loan of flags, the Hongkong Tramway Co., the Peak Tramway Co. and the Star Ferry Co. for advertising facilities; the Orient Tobacco Co., the British American Tobacco Co., Messrs. Nanyang Brothers and Messrs. Liggett, Meyers & Co. for cigars and cigarettes; China Sugar Co. and Taikeo Sugar Co. for sugar; Café Wiseman for running the Tea Room and Refreshment Stall; the Dairy Farm Co. for the various prizes for the Guessing Competition and for running the Farm Yard; Mr. U. Rubjahn for use of the drum for the Motor Car Draw, the Police Department for excellent police arrangements; Fire Brigade; Comptroller Department of Hongkong Shanghai Bank for the loan of shroffs for the Bazaar Bank, and for arranging for the conveyance of the takings to the Bank after the Fête; Hongkong Boy Scouts (1st Troop) for the good services rendered and all others not here mentioned who contributed in any way towards the success of the Fête and to Messrs. Xavier Bros. for procuring the European toys without commission; the Chinese C. Y. M. S. for the valuable co-operation and the Press for their courtesy and help.

## FURTHER DONATIONS.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has received the following additional gifts to the funds of the Fête: Com. Carrara \$80; St. Joseph's (additional) \$80; Madame de Courthial \$10; Mr. R. B. Cooper one new gentleman's bicycle and one decorated Christmas Tree.

Results of raffles at the Chinese Stalls were as follows:—Mandolin won by ticket No. 12 F. Britto.  
Guitar won by ticket No. 1 Chang Hing Yui.  
Violin won by ticket No. 38 C. Young.

## SEQUEL TO DISAPPEARANCE.

RICE SHOP MANAGER CHARGED  
WITH LARCENY.

A charge of stealing money entrusted to his care by the firm in which he was employed, was preferred against the Chinese manager of a rice shop, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The man, Tse Hing, was charged with the larceny of \$370 from the Tung Cheung Lung shop, No. 87, Battery Street. Mr. D. McCallum prosecuted, and Mr. L. G. Turner appeared for the defendant.

Mr. McCallum, in outlining his case, said that complainant, So Kam Chu, was the sole proprietor of the shop, but the majority of the business was carried on by his wife. Defendant was employed as manager, and was entitled to a "red" share, which, as described in Ordinance 53 of 1911, entitled him to a share in the profits, but gave him no rights as regards the assets of the firm. He had been in the firm's employ for about three years.

On the 25th of last month defendant was given \$370 by the complainant, out of which he was to pay \$100 to the Wong Cheung rice firm, and with the remainder he was to purchase rice.

On receiving the money defendant disappeared, and was not seen again until two days later. Then defendant returned to the shop, and complainant who happened to be in the street followed him in. Defendant attempted to take away the account book, but complainant had him arrested.

Two shop *fokis* gave evidence to the effect that they saw the money handed over to the defendant.

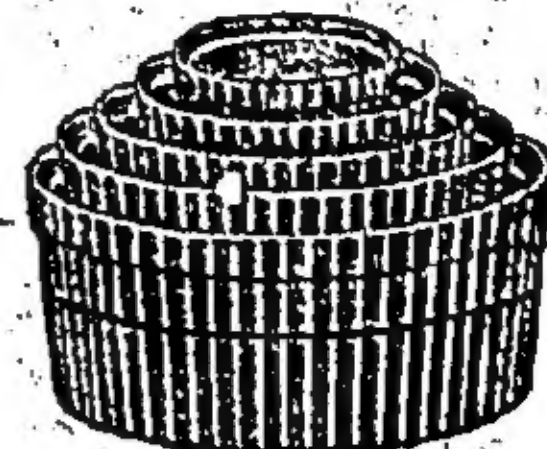
His Worship adjourned the case.

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The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial & Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations towards the funds for the current year:—

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in  
the above Company will be held at the Com-  
pany's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road,  
Hongkong, on MONDAY, 23RD DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose  
of presenting the Report of the Directors and  
Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1925.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from 12th to 22nd  
DECEMBER, 1925, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. D. THOMSON,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1925. [2981]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.  
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CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer  
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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between  
10.45 a.m. and Noon within the  
Free Storage period.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods  
remaining undischarged after the 17th December,  
will be subject to Rent.  
All Claims against the Steamer must be  
presented to the Underwriter on or before the  
31st December, or they will not be recognised.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
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Hongkong, 11th December, 1925. [2982]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
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Thursdays, within the Free Storage Period.  
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31st December, 1925, or they will not be  
recognised.  
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have left the Godown.  
MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1925. [2983]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
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between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon,  
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remaining undischarged after the 19th December,  
will be subject to Rent.  
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30th December, or they will not be recognised.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
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Hongkong, 10th December, 1925. [2984]

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[2990]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.  
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THE SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in  
the above Company will be held at the Office  
of the Company, 8, Cross Street, Hongkong,  
Chater Road, Victoria, on MON-  
DAY, the 21st DECEMBER, 1925, at 11.30  
o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of  
receiving a statement of Accounts and the  
Report of the General Managers for the Year  
ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1925, and electing a  
Consulting Committee and Auditor.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the  
10th DECEMBER, 1925, until MONDAY, the  
21st DECEMBER, 1925, both days inclusive.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 5th December, 1925. [2983]

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GREAT BRITAIN AND CHINA.

LITTLE has been published in the Chinese  
Press of late that is complimentary to  
Great Britain or any other Foreign  
Power, but we may hope that some at  
least of the vernacular papers have not  
entirely ignored the extremely friendly  
references to China which the British  
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs  
made in the speech which he delivered  
a month ago at the Lord Mayor's annual  
banquet in London. This has always  
been recognised as an occasion for a  
speech by the Prime Minister or other  
prominent member of the Government  
surveying the whole field of the country's  
relations with Foreign Powers and in-  
dicating the broad lines of the Govern-  
ment's policy. The allusion Mr. CHAMBER-  
LAIN made to China on that occasion was  
summarised in a Reuters cable at the  
time, but the full text of the speech is  
now to hand and we make no excuse for  
giving the reference to China textually,  
for the speaker's own words add much  
to the forcefulness and sincerity of his  
friendly gesture. After reviewing the  
politics of Europe leading to the Locarno  
Pact, Mr. CHAMBERLAIN said:  
"Before sitting down I would turn my  
eyes for a moment further afield and  
express the hope that the same spirit of  
mutual understanding and mutual  
good will which prevailed among the  
Powers represented at Locarno may  
prevail among the Powers represented  
now in a conference in the Far East,  
where the Treaty Powers are meeting  
the representatives of China; and that  
from that conference also may spring  
a new fellowship between East and  
West, a new understanding in which  
all feuds may be forgotten, together  
for the greatness of China, for the  
peacefulness and prosperity of our  
relations with China, and for the estab-  
lishment of peace as firmly in the East  
as I hope we are in course of estab-  
lishing it in the West."

It will be recognised that no words more  
aptly express the sentiments of those who  
are working both in Canton and Hong-  
kong for an improvement in the relations  
recently existing between these two im-  
portant commercial centres. Among all  
right-thinking men there is a sincere  
desire for "a new understanding in which  
all feuds may be forgotten, all friend-  
ships remembered" to the end that we  
may work together for the greatness of  
China, and we can but trust that these  
hopes will be speedily realised.

THE POLLUTION OF THE SEA

EVEN in this part of the world complaints  
are heard from time to time about the  
pollution of the sea, and the bathing  
beaches through the use of oil as fuel  
in ships. On the coast of Great Britain  
the nuisance has long since been acute.  
A Board of Trade Committee that sat  
recently collected a great deal of striking  
evidence from the coasts of the serious  
effects of pouring oil upon the waters.  
A large number of gulls and other sea-  
birds are killed or injured. Once a gull  
becomes entangled in the oil floating on  
the surface it becomes unable to fly and  
may starve to death. The destruction of  
gulls is a serious thing for the fisher-  
men, because a collection of gulls over  
the sea serves as a guide to the shoals  
of fish. This evil is said to be specially  
prevalent round the Isle of Wight. As  
the law stands oil may not be discharged  
within three miles of the shore. Conse-  
quently ships empty their bilges at a  
safe distance from ports. This provision  
has improved the state of things at many  
coastal places, but rough weather and  
wind tend to drive the oil ashore. There  
is a strong demand from the local  
authorities for a strengthening of the law,  
and an International Commission has  
been set up to go into the matter. It is  
possible, says a writer on the subject in  
a Home paper, that the result will be  
international legislation to force all ship-  
owners to use appliances to prevent the  
discharge of oil. The Board of Trade  
Committee suggested that the real re-  
solution lies in fitting separators to all  
vessels using oil. At present a great  
deal of inventive ingenuity is being  
applied to the improvement of separators  
in view of the prospect of their use be-  
coming compulsory in ships, and in this  
connection it is stated that Dr. H. S.  
HELSHAW, the eminent engineer, has  
invented a new apparatus which is de-  
scribed as in effect a new practical appli-  
cation of his well-known discoveries into  
what is known as a streamline of water,  
which has already had an important  
effect on the designing of ships for speed.  
A large part of the oil is separated in  
preliminary settling chambers. The next  
stage is a new tubular separator. The  
water leaving these tubes is free from  
all the most minute oil particles, and  
the last traces are removed by a special  
kind of filter which is claimed to be  
easily cleaned and does not need renewal.  
The claim is made that the use of an  
efficient separator will mean a great  
saving to shipowners. Instead of pouring  
enormous quantities of oil into the sea  
they will, if what is claimed for these  
inventions is true, be able to recover the  
oil and use it again!

Mr. C. A. de Roza has been elected  
President of the Club Lusitano.

Two Chinese cases of enteric fever were  
notified in the Colony on the 10th inst.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling's condition is  
now satisfactory, according to a Reuters  
message, but progress towards recovery is  
slow.

Major F. Hogg, R.A.V.C., has assumed  
the duties of Veterinary Officer, China  
Command, in place of Capt. Oxspring,  
R.A.V.C.

The Police Ball, which was postponed  
owing to the death of H.M. Queen  
Alexandra, will take place on January  
22nd at the City Hall.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co.'s calendar  
for 1926 is a handsome coloured repro-  
duction on silk of a picture of a lady by  
Stanley Davis entitled "Marigold."

There is to be a meeting of the Chinese  
Chamber of Commerce next Tuesday  
afternoon.

Lieut. Colonel F. S. Montague-Bates,  
C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Lieut. Colonel  
F. G. Fitzgerald, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., have  
been granted leave on private affairs.

Mr. S. Baker (Chief Engineer of the  
China Sugar Refining Co.), and Mrs.  
Baker and Miss Baker returned to the  
Colony from Home yesterday on the P.  
& O. s.s. *Macedonia*.

The ship's company of H.M.S. *Ambrose*  
held an enjoyable "Cinderella" dance  
in the Royal Naval Canteen Theatre last  
night, which was suitably decorated for  
the occasion. The *Titanic's* syncopated  
orchestra furnished the music.

A Havas Agency cable states that Pro-  
sident Doumergue, received Mr. Lou  
Yoh, chief of the Chinese "mission to  
study finances." Mr. Lou was presented  
to the French President by Mr. Tchen  
Loh, Chinese Minister to Paris.

The Municipal Election at Macao has  
resulted in the return of the following:  
Damiao Rodrigues (291 votes), Luis G.  
Nolasco da Silva (279), Pedro José Lobo  
(278), Jono Jacques de Lima Gracias (272),  
Domingos Pires de Azevedo (269).

Mrs. G. R. Lindsay, wife of the Vicar  
of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, held  
an "At Home" at the Vicarage yester-  
day afternoon, when she entertained to  
tea the President and Secretary (Mrs.  
C. R. Duppuy and Mrs. M. J. Noll) and  
other members of the Mothers' Union.

Before Mr. Justice Wood at the  
Summary Court yesterday, a Chinese  
who was sued by an Indian for \$150,  
said that the money had been borrowed  
by two other men for whom he stood  
guarantee. The men had since gone on  
strike and no money had been paid to  
him. Plaintiff said that defendant  
borrowed the money himself. An order  
for payment was made.

CHRISTMAS MAIL.  
FIRST BATCH ARRIVES FROM  
HOME.

The first batch of the Christmas mail  
from Home arrived by the P. and O.  
s.s. *Macedonia* yesterday.

Letters and papers, posted in London  
up to November 12th, were landed in  
338 bags, 103 bags of which were for  
Hongkong. Of the latter number, 118  
bags contained letters and papers from  
the United Kingdom.

The parcel mail from Home was con-  
tained in 234 bags, which contained a  
total of 1,317 parcels, 269 of which were  
insured packages. These were posted in  
London up to November 5th.

Other mails from London, by three  
different routes are due to arrive a few  
days before Christmas, these having been  
despatched on November 17th via Suez,  
November 18th via the U.S.A. and  
November 27th via Siberia.

The Post Office staff started an excep-  
tionally busy day with the *Macedonia*  
mail, and in dealing with the 400 bags  
which arrived late yesterday afternoon  
by the s.s. *Talme*, a portion of which had  
to be transhipped by the s.s. *Antenor*  
for Shanghai this morning. In addition  
they had to close mails for the Straits  
and Hongkong, while there was an outgoing  
mail yesterday afternoon for the U.S.A.  
and Europe. To-day's shipments include  
a mail via Siberia and that for Europe  
by the s.s. *Morna*.

OBITUARY.  
MR. PAUL KREMER.

News reached the Colony yesterday  
which it is scarcely necessary to say was  
received among a large circle of friends  
with the deepest regret, that M. Paul  
Kremer, formerly the French Consul in  
Hongkong, had died at Hankow, where  
he had been Consul in charge of French  
interests since March last.

The late M. Kremer, who was 49 years  
of age, had spent the greater part of  
his official career in Hongkong. He was  
attached to the Consulate in Hongkong  
in 1890, and served almost continually  
here as *attaché* until 1920, when he was  
transferred to Shanghai. He returned to  
Hongkong in March 1922 as Vice-Consul.  
Towards the end of 1923 he went home  
to France on leave, and early in the  
present year he passed on to take  
Colonial leave to Hankow to take  
charge of the Consulate there. While on  
the way out he received news that he  
had been made a Chevalier du Legion  
d'Honneur.

M. Paul Kremer at one time was pre-  
sident of the local turf as an owner of  
ponies and a very keen rider.  
He leaves a widow and four young  
children. Madame Kremer, during her  
comparatively short residence in Hong-  
kong shared her husband's popularity and  
she has the heartfelt sympathy of a large  
number of friends here in her bereave-  
ment.

KOWLOON UNION CHURCH.  
SATISFACTORY YEAR REPORT  
AT ANNUAL MEETING.

A second year of marked progress and  
prosperity was reported at the annual  
meeting of the Union Church, Kowloon,  
which took place last night, under the  
chairmanship of the Rev. J. Horace  
Johnston.

The Secretary, Mr. D. J. Purvis, pre-  
sented the Committee's annual report  
and, after speaking of the various im-  
provements made to the Church inside  
and out, said: The organ had required  
and received continual attention. It had  
proved sufficient for their present needs.  
The loss of Mrs. Ong, as organist, left  
them in difficulty for some considerable  
time, and thanks were due to many per-  
sons who rendered temporary help. At  
last Mr. Andrews accepted the post and  
for three months had filled it faithfully.  
At the beginning of the Church year the  
Choir enjoyed the enthusiastic and able  
leadership of Captain Davies and kept  
well together. They brightened the  
Christmas Services with a number of  
special carols and were preparing some  
anthems but unexpectedly lost their  
leader through his transfer to England.  
An effort was being made to rally a good  
choir with Mr. Fleming as choir-master.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

In the New Year the Minister gave  
a party to the children connected with  
the Church and was himself responsible  
for the outlay. A social Sub-Committee  
was appointed in January and a success-  
ful gathering took place in March, at  
which the opportunity was taken of mak-  
ing a presentation to Mrs. Grag. During  
the summer, weekly bathing picnics  
were held and were proving very popular  
when unfortunately, the outbreak of the  
strike brought them to an untimely end.  
One Saturday launch excursion to Island  
Bay was carried out before the strike. A  
second social gathering took place in the  
Church in November. On this occasion  
tickets were sold which realised \$60.50  
and an auction of cakes \$25.35 making a  
total of \$85.85 towards a crockery fund  
to which there has been added \$49.80, be-  
ing the balance from the Bathing.  
The Committee would like to thank  
the gentlemen who acted as ushers for  
their work, which has been much appre-  
ciated.

FINANCE.

The aim of the committee had been to  
establish the finances of the congregation  
on a sound basis with a view to making  
the Church self-supporting as soon as  
possible. The Committee warmly thank-  
ed the members for the generous way in  
which they had supported their efforts.  
The collections had been most liberal.  
The special thanks offering of the An-  
niversary of the opening of the Church  
abundantly made up for the leanness of  
the months of the strike. The response  
to the appeal for subscribers had been  
very satisfactory indeed, and they trust  
that the good beginning which had  
been made would be followed up heartily  
and the list greatly enlarged during the  
coming year.

Their estimates for the year were very  
correct on the whole and the subsidy of  
\$100 per month from the Mother Church  
which was asked for had proved adequate  
and enabled them to submit a statement  
of accounts showing an increased balance-  
in-hand of \$731.75.  
The Rev. J. H. Johnston then spoke  
of the good work that was being done  
in the Sunday School, and said in that  
direction they were going on from  
strength to strength. They had to thank  
Miss Hyde, Mr. Clelland, Mrs. Warren,  
Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Geldert, Mrs. Mac-  
Kenzie, Mrs. White, and Miss Wilson for  
their work in the school. When the last  
report was made there were 25 on the  
roll, but this had increased to 47, which  
was very satisfactory indeed.

During the year there had been at the  
Church five marriages, eight baptisms,  
and 100 communicants had gone through  
the hands.

THE NEW COMMITTEE.

The following committee was then ap-  
pointed:—Messrs. J. A. Craig, D. M.  
Davies, Dick, D. F. Warren, D. M.  
Neilson, Miss Farrell, Messrs. Arnott,  
D. J. Cameron, W. McFarlane, D. F.  
Warren, E. C. Tregillus, J. Smyth, D. J.  
Purvis.  
The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald then con-  
gratulated the Committee and the con-  
gregation on the good work that they were  
doing. At one time he was told that it  
would be a mistake to start a church in  
Kowloon, but he thought it became more  
evident as the months went by that a  
church of this kind was greatly needed  
in Kowloon. He had never  
slightest doubt in his own mind, but he  
thanked God that he recognised in this matter  
confirmation of what was seen in the  
rapid growth of the work of the church.  
It was rarely one saw a bank interest  
presented for the second time. This  
spoke for itself and he felt glad and  
cheered about the prosperity of the church.  
He then presented to the church  
a handsome pulpit bible.  
Mr. Johnston, on behalf of the Church,  
suitably expressed their thanks for the  
gift.

A musical programme was then given.



## CABLES

LATEST CABLES.  
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## RELEASED.

WALSH AND JOHANNSEN SET AT LIBERTY.

SYDNEY, December 11th.

The High Court has ordered the release of Mr. Walsh and Mr. Johannsen, the seamen's leaders. Their deportation was ordered by the Federal Government, on November 20th, in consequence of the prominent part they took in the strike of seamen.

## REASON FOR DECISION.

It is believed that the High Court's decision, which was unanimous and awarded costs to the applicants, is based on the view that the section of the Immigration Act, under which deportation proceedings were conducted, is *ultra vires* as being contrary to the Australian Constitution Act.

The application was under a *Habeas Corpus* writ, but the Chief Justice said the latter was unnecessary.

Mr. Walsh and Mr. Johannsen intend to sue the Commonwealth Government for heavy damages and wrongful imprisonment.

The costs in the case are estimated at £12,000.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

## RUSSIA AND FRANCE.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR HOPES FOR DEBT SETTLEMENT.

PARIS, December 11th.

In an interview, the Soviet Ambassador, M. Rakovski, declared that Mr. Chicherin, on arriving from his stay in the Riviera, will again visit M. Briand and remain in Paris somewhat longer than on the former occasion.

M. Rakovski hopes to reach an agreement over the settlement of the Russian debt to France.

## EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## INDIAN CURRENCY.

COMMISSION HEARS OF SUPPORT OF GOLD STANDARD.

LONDON, December 10th.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Bombay correspondent states that the Indian Currency Commission is hearing a great deal of evidence in support of the gold standard and a gold currency for India. The Chamber of Commerce is among those advocating the adoption of the Gold Standard and eminent professors say that India's greatest economic need to-day is capital. With the introduction of the gold standard they would propose that a gold coin similar to the sovereign, called "Mohar," be minted immediately. They suggest a ratio of fifteen rupees to the Mohar.

## THE IRISH AGREEMENT.

DAIL PASS THE SECOND READING OF BILL.

LONDON, December 10th.

The Dail has passed the second reading of the Irish Agreement Bill by 71 to 20.

## A PASSIONATE SPEECH.

During a debate in the Dail, President Cosgrave, in the course of a passionate speech, said he understood from Mr. Stanley Baldwin that the Commission's award would have given the Free State 200 square miles and 20,000 people and have taken from them a considerable part of Donegal.

The final stages of the Bill will be taken on Tuesday.

## BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

TRADE UNION DISCUSSION IS AGAIN SUGGESTED.

BERLIN, December 10th.

The conference of British and Russian trade union delegates of the self-styled Anglo-Russian unity committee, have unanimously passed a resolution regretting the rejection by the Council of the International Federation of Trade Unions of the recent proposal for an unconditional conference with the Anglo-Russian Council of Trade Unions.

They express the opinion that the general council of the British Trade Union Congress should convene a conference as provided for in the declaration of the British/Russian Trade Union delegation to the Anglo-Russian Trade Union conference in London on April 8th.

## VICKERS RECONSTRUCTED.

STOCK EXCHANGE DEALINGS SHOW APPROVAL OF SCHEME.

LONDON, December 10th.

In reaching the decision to reconstruct the company, as reported yesterday, Messrs. Vickers' directors had the advice of Mr. F. Dudley Docker, a director of the London Joint City and Midland Bank, Mr. Reginald McKenna, and Sir William Plender, whose recommendations include, besides a reconstituted directorate, the establishment of three management boards, one of which will control the industrial section of the business and its subsidiary undertakings, another will control the armaments and shipbuilding side, and the third be a finance board.

These advisers consider the causes of the situation of Vickers to be the general trade depression, depreciation of foreign exchanges, and reduced earning capacity of the company's works, which is attributable to a world reduction of armament expenditure and the home production of armaments by foreign countries, as well as the decline of shipbuilding, foreign competition in the world markets, financial stringency, and political unrest in Europe, which has restricted the giving of credit and retarded schemes of development.

The advisers add that in carrying out a post-war sound policy and changing from swords to ploughshares, the management lacked the special experience required to direct a large and varied industrial undertaking. The advisers, at the request of the Board, have agreed to act in a consultative capacity until the three management boards are working.

The newspapers congratulate Vickers on their bold reconstruction step, which must sooner or later be imitated by other industrial companies if they wish to recover even a modest degree of their past prosperity. They point out that the present market value of Vickers ordinary shares corresponds very closely with the value which it is now suggested should be placed thereon; therefore little effect will be produced on the market.

## STOCK EXCHANGE APPROVAL.

The Stock Exchange approval of Vickers' reconstruction is shown in today's dealings in the ordinary shares, now cut from a pound nominal value to 8/8. They rose this afternoon to a 7/8 improvement.

## THE MOSUL REPORT.

TURKS CHALLENGE FINDINGS OF GENERAL LAIDONER.

GENEVA, December 10th.

The Turkish delegation has made a statement in reply to General Laidoner's report.

It points out that the Nestorian Christians have always been hostile towards Turkey, and when pursued after committing a crime escape south of the Brussels line, abandoning their belongings. It also draws attention to the large numbers of Moslem refugees from the contested territory whose villages it is contended were destroyed by aerial bombardments and who are now living north of the Brussels line. It suggests that there be a fresh enquiry, with the assistance of assessors appointed by both parties, as General Laidoner obtained his information from only one source.

Tewfik Rashedi Bey, the head of the Turkish delegation, is leaving for Ankara in a day or two, leaving Munir Bey, Turkish Minister at Bern, to attend the League Council when questions with regard to the Greco-Turkish exchange of populations will be discussed.

## CRUMBS OF COMFORT.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL ON COAL SUBSIDY.

LONDON, December 10th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Winston Churchill gave a few crumbs of comfort when speaking on the supplementary estimates of nine millions for the coal subsidy, which was agreed upon without a division.

He recalled the Government decision to postpone the crisis of last July, due to the possibility of a trade revival, which he thought was then visible. He declared that while the coal output had been steadily increasing, it was hopeless to expect that the gap between export prices and the cost of production would disappear. He emphasised that the mining interest cannot be allowed to become indefinitely a pensioner upon other industries, and hoped that all the parties in industry would make an effort to regain their old, independent position.

He mentioned that last week's output was five million tons, the highest since May. He anticipated that the total subvention for nine months would be approximately twenty-one millions. The subvention had not led to an appreciable reopening of the pits.

## RUGBY AT HOME.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY'S EASY WIN OVER OXFORD.

LONDON, December 10th.

Playing at Twickenham in brilliant sunshine and before a large crowd, Cambridge defeated Oxford in the annual rugby match by 33 points to three. The ground was on the soft side.

The game was tremendously fast, with Cambridge superior in all departments. Oxford seldom got far beyond mid-field and Turnbull, the Cantab's full back, kicked soundly when under any pressure. After play had been in progress for a quarter of an hour, Francis dribbled down cleverly enabling Arnold to score a try, which C. Barlow converted. At the end of half-an-hour, Turnbull, Cambridge's full-back, fielded a long kick and did not return it but ran almost to Oxford's twenty-five line where he gave a capital pass to Devitt, who scored an unconverted try. Nearing the interval Oxford had more of the game but their handling was never good. Turnbull tricked some opponents and then sprinted and gave to Gibson. Devitt gathered well from the last named and scored a try, which C. Barlow converted. At half-time, Cambridge thus, led by 13 points to nil.

## THE SECOND HALF.

On the opening of the second half, Cambridge were playing most confidently. Ten minutes after the resumption Francis, dodging cleverly, kicked across to Tucker, who scored a try. C. Barlow converted. Shortly afterwards Tucker dribbled through and passed to Bishop who gathered, "sold a dummy," and then scored the fifth try. On this occasion, C. Barlow missed with an easy kick.

Drysdale, Oxford's full back, gathered and ran up the field and made an opening for McIntosh, but the latter was forced into touch. Then came an extraordinary try by Francis who "sold the dummy" first to Richardson in mid-field and also to Drysdale later, going on to score an unconverted try. Gibson scored Cambridge's next try.

Just after that Wallace, Oxford's right inside, gave the ball to McIntosh, who ran hard and scored Oxford's only try. In the last minutes, C. Barlow and Devitt both scored unconverted tries for Cambridge. The final result was 33 points to three.

## THE COST OF WEMBLEY.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE PASSES HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, December 10th.

The House of Commons has agreed to the motion on a Supplementary Estimate of £1,100,000 for the Government's share of the Wembley exhibition guarantee.

Mr. A. M. Samuel said that the expected call was nearly five shillings in the £ in addition to the fifteen shillings already made. He pointed out that the profit of £1,157,000 on running was absorbed by capital expenditure.

Mr. Thomas said that every Dominion and Colony to which he had written inviting an opinion on the value of the exhibition had replied they were well satisfied with the expenditure they had incurred.

Mr. Runciman paid tribute to the Dominions' efforts in displaying an amazing exhibition of the Empire's wealth, beauty and industry.

## LADIES' FASHIONS.

AFFECT SALE OF COTTON SAYS COATS' CHAIRMAN.

LONDON, December 10th.

The change in the fashion of ladies' dress and the curtailment of home sewing was mentioned by the Chairman at Messrs. J. P. Coats' annual meeting as being the cause of affecting the sales of cotton thread.

The meeting adopted a report recommending a distribution equal to 1 1/2 per cent. dividend.

The Chairman denied a report that the war contingency reserve of £3,000,000 might be used for the payment of a bonus and declared that the reserve was being held intact. The majority of it had been earmarked against the loss in Russia alone.

## OBITUARY.

DUKE OF MONTROSE.

LONDON, December 10th.

The death is announced of the Duke of Montrose, K.T., A.D.C.

(Douglas Bessford Malise Ronald Graham, the fifth Duke of Montrose, an A.D.C. to H.M. the King, was born in 1852, the third son, succeeding his father in the title in 1874. Educated at Eton, he joined the Coldstream Guards in 1872, afterwards transferring to the 5th Lancers; and later was Colonel commanding the 3rd Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He saw active service in South Africa (medal and two clasps). Among the honours carried by the late Duke was that of Hereditary Sheriff of Dumfriesshire. The family estate comprised about 115,000 acres. The Duke married a daughter of Sir Frederick Graham, Bart. of Netherby, Cumberland, in 1876, and had three sons by the marriage.)

## PIRACY NEAR COCHIN.

AMAZING REPORT BROUGHT BY GERMAN STEAMER.

LONDON, December 10th.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Bombay correspondent says that the German steamer *Nordmark* has arrived at Colombo and reports an amazing case of piracy.

The Captain states that when four hours out of Cochin, he saw two vessels, one of which appeared to be frantically in distress and signalling. The other sped off when he approached. The crew of the first vessel stated that they had been attacked by pirates and were terrified. They anxiously sought safe escort to Cochin.

The German crew say that the pirate vessel was a smart craft of British design.

[Cochin is a port in Malabar District, situated at the South of principal navigable entrance to the great lagoon of Travancore.]

## LATEST CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

## PHILADELPHIA EXHIBITION.

REPLICA OF TAJ MAHAL TO BE ERECTED.

PHILADELPHIA, December 11th.

A contract has been signed between representatives of the Sesquicentennial Exhibition Association and private business interests in British India, for the reproduction to the Taj Mahal at the Centennial Exhibition in 1923.

It will be used to house exhibits from India.

## MISS HELEN WILLS.

TO PLAY TENNIS NEXT YEAR IN EUROPE.

BERKELEY, Cal., December 11th.

Miss Helen Wills, the well-known tennis player, is leaving for France early in January.

She will take part in tournaments at Nice and Cannes and elsewhere on the Riviera.

Subsequently she will leave for England and play in the championships at Wimbledon.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## MINING DISASTER IN U.S.

FATAL EXPLOSION OF GAS IN ALABAMA.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., December 10th.

Between 20 and 30 miners have been killed, and many others have been seriously injured, by a gas explosion in one of the mines of the Alabama Fuel and Iron Company. Many of the employees are negroes.

## ONLY FIFTEEN ESCAPE.

LATER.

Sixty-one miners were killed and five seriously injured as the result of the mine explosion yesterday, which was due to gas. Only fifteen miners escaped.

## AMERICAN FINANCES.

MR. ANDREW MELLON ON THE BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

WASHINGTON, December 10th.

The foreign debts hitherto funded total 7,390 million dollars, and 4,743 millions remain unfunded. The majority of this latter amount is the French debt.

This is revealed by Mr. Mellon in his annual report, dealing on the bright economic outlook. It is asserted that the past year has been a period of genuine prosperity in practically all classes. The present business situation warrants optimism for the future.

It is pointed out that though the tendency has existed among the consuming public to buy every conceivable commodity on a time mortgage of their future earnings, businessmen are conducting their affairs cautiously in order that prosperity shall not bring carelessness. It is emphasized that the intention is to pursue a policy of economy and repayment of debt. The recommended tax reduction, however, should not be excessive.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory issued the following report, at 5.30 p.m. yesterday: The anti-cyclone has moved eastward and weakened. A moderate gale may be expected along the S.E. Coast of China and over the Northern China Sea. Local forecast: N.E. winds; moderate, fair.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE

NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## SITUATION IN NORTH CHINA.

REPORTS THAT JAPAN IS FULLY PREPARED.

TOKYO, December 11th.

Press reports, stating that troop transports are collecting at Kure, are neither confirmed nor denied by the War Office. It is understood, however, that preparations are being made to despatch reinforcements to Manchuria if necessary.

## RAIL AND ROAD CUT.

TIENTSIN, December 11th.

General Li Ching Lin is himself at Machang, where he has driven off the initial attack of the Honanese. The railways are cut on all sides of Tientsin. The motor road to Peking is also cut in several places.

British guards have been sent up the line and also towards Tongshan. The Tientsin stations are swarming with troops.

## TARIFF CONFERENCE.

IMPORTANT PROPOSALS WITH REGARD TO DUTIES.

PEKING, December 11th.

Important proposals, for considerably extending the scope of the Tariff Conference discussions, were placed before the committee at 2 o'clock this morning by the Chinese delegates.

Presenting the Chinese proposals concerning the revision of the Customs schedule duties on imports, Mr. Tsai Ting Kan suggested that inasmuch as the Conference had unanimously recognised China's right to tariff autonomy, and provided for it to be enforced by January 1st, 1929, it went without saying that from that date the valuation of commodities would be done according to the laws promulgated by the Chinese Government instead of as a result of the International Agreement as heretofore.

The Chinese Government, however, will for the purpose of the interim period, in harmony with the spirit of the Washington Conference, lay before the present Conference draft regulations relating to tariff revision and request the representatives of the Powers interested to give them careful consideration.

After discussion, it was decided to postpone consideration to a later meeting in order to enable the experts to examine the proposal. Dr. C. T. Wang then read two further declarations, the first of which concerned the levying of duties and taxes on foreigners residing in China. It refers to the difficulties experienced by the Chinese Government in collecting national taxes from foreigners, also from Chinese residing in the settlements and in the railway zones. It mentions that as soon as *likin* is abolished, the Government will be compelled to devise new and reasonable taxes in substitution for the old.

The declaration concludes: "Consequently the Chinese Government declares that foreigners in China, whether residing within or outside the settlements or within railway zones as well as other localities shall discharge equally with the Chinese their fiscal obligations according to the laws promulgated by China. It is hoped that the plenipotentiary delegates of the Powers will appreciate the reasonableness of this declaration."

## OFFER WELL RECEIVED.

The second declaration, which was received with general satisfaction by the Foreign delegates as constituting the first step towards the abolition of *likin*, stated that the Chinese Government is prepared, three months after the close of the Conference, to relinquish the right to levy the existing export duty on native goods not destined for exportation abroad; and also the coast trade duty.

Hereafter the export duty will not be levied on native goods shipped from one Chinese port to another. In order, however, to prevent such goods being fraudulently shipped to foreign ports, the exporters will be required to pay regular export duty at the first port and secure a drawback certificate, on the production of which the amount paid will be refunded upon the re-importation of the goods into the second port. It is understood that this arrangement does not apply to native goods exempt from export duty.

## THE SHANGHAI INCIDENT.

COMMISSION'S REPORT EXPECTED SHORTLY.

SHANGHAI, December 11th.

The *Daily Telegraph's* diplomatic correspondent learns that negotiations between London, Washington and Tokyo in regard to the disciplinary measures to be taken, owing to the findings of the Judicial Commission of Enquiry into the Shanghai incidents of last May, have resulted in something like agreement. The publication of the three materially different reports is to be expected at any moment.

## MR. CHAO HSIN CHU.

REVIEWS PRESENT CONDITIONS IN CHINA.

LONDON, December 10th.

A farewell social evening was given by the Chinese Students Christian Union in Britain to Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, acting Minister of the Court of St. James. Mr. Chu lengthily reviewed the political and financial conditions in China.

He emphasised China's intention to pay her foreign creditors to the last farthing when it had tariff autonomy. He expressed the opinion that when China had a stable Government as a result of financial reforms, foreign trade could easily be assessed at a hundred per cent. more than at present.

## COMMISSION ON OPTUM.

TO CHOOSE SUCCESSOR TO LATE SIR JOHN JORDAN.

LONDON, December 10th.

The *Morning Post* correspondent at Geneva learns authoritatively that the new Optum Advisory Commission of the League will include the ex-police Commissioner Mr. Woods of New York, replacing Mrs. Hamilton Wright; while Mr. L. A. Lyall, British Customs Commissioner in China or Mr. Archibald Rose, C.I.E., F.R.C.S., ex-British Commercial Attaché at Peking, will succeed the late Sir John Jordan.

## BANK OF INDO-CHINA.

CHARTER PROLONGED SIX MONTHS FROM JANUARY.

PARIS, December 11th.

The *Official Gazette* has published a decree, which prolongs for six months from January 1st, 1926, the charter of the Bank of Indo-China.

## THE BOOM IN RUBBER.

LONDON DEALERS REPORTED TO HAVE MADE FORTUNES.

LONDON, December 10th.

The *Daily Graphic* says that as a result of the rubber boom dealers have made fortunes, probably aggregating millions of pounds. At least three of the leading firms propose to retire at Christmas and invest their earnings in gilt-edged securities.

## EXCHANGE IN NEW YORK.

The opening of a central market for trading in rubber and rubber futures has been approved. The New York Cocoa Exchange will provide the necessary facilities and actual trading will start early in the new year.

## DRURY-LANE PROFIT ON "ROSE MARIE."

YEAR'S LOSS WIPED OUT IN THREE MONTHS.

LONDON, December 10th.

Sir Alfred Butt, M.P., chairman and managing director of the Theatre Royal, Drury-Lane, stated at a meeting of the shareholders that the play, *Rose Marie*, which was produced in March, in three months wiped out the loss on *A Midsummer Night's Dream* last year, paid for the production, and made a profit sufficient to pay as 5 per cent. dividend.

He added that the profits since June 30th had been substantial. "The board," he said, "is strongly of opinion that the unqualified success of *Rose Marie* demonstrated that there is a large public for high-class musical plays at Drury-Lane, and we are leaving no stone unturned to secure suitable shows of this nature to follow *Rose Marie*."

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## THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY LECTURE.

## "THE FOLLY OF SUICIDE"

At last Wednesday's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, Mr. H. E. Lanepart gave a discourse on "Life after Death and the Folly of Suicide." The Theosophical conception of the continued existence of man after the moment we call death, and his re-appearance in a new born human body, endowed with the results of his actions, desires and thoughts in the past, is, he said, as consoling as it is scientific. As long as man is imperfect, as long as he has not assimilated everything this world can give, so long will he return. The worlds man lives in are three: the physical composed of solid, liquid, gaseous and etheric matter; the astral world, which is the plane of passions, emotions, desires and sensation; and the mental world, with its lower and higher subdivisions for concrete and abstract thoughts, appearing as thought forms and as radiant flashes and streams. These three worlds co-exist and occupy the same space, and for action in each of them man possesses three distinct bodies composed of the matter of the corresponding world, and these three bodies of man likewise co-exist and occupy the same space.

This is possible, the lecturer said, for the reason that while the matter of the physical world is composed of atoms, no two of these atoms actually touch each other, but each atom has a field of action and vibration of its own. The "space" between the atoms is filled with astral matter which is so much finer than physical matter, and moves there with perfect freedom. In the same manner the mental matter in its turn interprets the astral and physical, whereby it becomes possible for the three worlds to occupy the same space. Normally the limitations of the five senses of the physical brain are a hindrance to consciousness in the other worlds, as long as man has not learnt to expand his consciousness. There are two higher senses latent in all, the rudimentary organs of which can be found in the pineal gland. The pineal body in our brain is now undergoing evolution, and it is so near functioning in our own days that a very little stimulation will bring it into activity, and enable man to unify his physical and astral consciousness. The point to remember is that we all are using our subtler, our astral and mental bodies already now, not only after death. We are not naked Spirit after "death," but remain to be clad in them as we are now, with just only difference that we shall have lost our instrument for action in the physical world, and that our consciousness is then fully awake in the next body, the astral. Therefore, neither the dead nor those in the physical body can make their presence known to one another unless they meet in consciousness on the same plane, as it happens every night during sleep, only the knowledge of it, belonging to a plane higher than the physical, gets distorted or altogether lost when transferred to the physical brain.

After "death" man is exactly the same as before. One has the same feelings, the same desires, the same hopes, the same fears. Our condition in the Astral world after "death" depends entirely on how we are living now. The object of the Astral world, in which the departed soul spends from 5 to 40 years is to quieten down and to exhaust the lower selfish emotions and desires, from the force poured into them during life. They have to die out from mere want of nourishment, the man possessing no more the physical body for their gratification. Thus man prepares for himself a time of a miserable time there, if he has allowed his appetites to become strong. But the suffering will not last for ever. The Law of Divine Love and Justice pervades all worlds. He will finally drop his astral body and become conscious of the mental world, which is a condition of unalloyed bliss, where he changes into intellectual and moral faculties all the mental and moral experiences through which he has passed whilst in the physical body. According to the amount of such experiences and their intensity will be his stay in the mental world, which greatly varies. In general, man is driven back into physical life by desire for more experience after 300-1000 years, or much longer for advanced men.

There is no death. And that is the folly of Suicide. Man erroneously expects to escape life and the misery he is in, and then he finds himself still alive, and, to his horror, his normal progress is arrested, as he has failed to kill all in himself. He is still attached to the physical world, as the etheric counterpart of his physical body still clings to him, and his period of life under physical conditions being fixed by the higher law, he has to live out the normal time of his physical life in the counterpart of the physical body, if the latter perished earlier. Only then is he able to enter the astral worlds and proceed normally in his after-death life. A great deal of suffering comes to him, as he has not got rid either of his mind or his emotions, and the cause of his act was of mental or emotional nature. All the part that drove him to suicide is still there—his capacity for suffering has only increased as he finds himself in more plastic matter which more easily responds to the state he is in. He generally goes through the whole thing, all that led him up to the point when he kills himself, and that is repeated over and over again. Hence the horror with which suicide has been regarded by all people who understand it, also the reason why almost all religions have forbidden it.

However, physical death as an act of love and self-sacrifice, out of the desire to save a brother man, such an act is not suicide in the ordinary sense, and it does not cause suffering after death. It is an act of self-sacrifice which quickens evolution and does not retard it.

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## LADIES' GOLF NOTES.

Letters from one Golfing Cousin to another.

LETTER NO. 3.

Hongkong, December 11th, 1925.

DEAR IRONIE:

The Ladies' Section of the Golf Club at the moment is so full of activity that I hardly know what to write about first.

Great interest centres round the closing stages of the Railway Cup, that competition having reached the semi-final round with Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Leggat still in the running. Personally, I should like to see Mrs. Maitland carry off the Trophy. It is one of those that has to be won "twice in succession or three times in all" (that always sounds like a life sentence to me) and as Mrs. Maitland has won it twice already, and is playing on a very low handicap (the powers that be allowing her two only) it would be a great performance if this time she could win it outright. She meets Mrs. Lewis in the semi-final and has to give her eleven strokes, and as Mrs. Lewis is playing a very sound game, at the moment, it will be none too easy a task.

The other match for final honours is between Mrs. Leggat and Mrs. Morrison (a difficult customer to dispose of) and I rather fancy the latter's chances, but we shall see.

We had a great day at Fanling on Tuesday last. Mrs. Ferguson kindly presented four very handsome prizes (two First and two Second) for a Shanghai Foursome over the New Course—Meadal entries, the winners being Mrs. Shellhear and Mrs. Tottenham (a tennis expert, who is evidently no mean exponent of the Ancient and Historic game either). Mrs. Leggat and Mrs. Rowley came in second. I must say the net scores were not too good, 56 being returned by the winners, and 57 by the second couple, but as I was one of the other twenty-eight and saw only the hoofs of the horses, I mustn't criticise. The prizes were beautiful silver inkstands all nicely engraved for the winners, and packs of cards in neat little cases for the runners-up—I felt green with envy.

People have been most generous in offering prizes for one day competitions this season. I think they are a great institution, and it is likely from what I hear, that it will be possible to hold one a month during the Winter.

This is the last month during which it is possible to qualify for the Captain's Cup for 1926. I can't understand at all why more players don't attempt to qualify. I believe for only three months of the year more than three players made the attempt, and on more than one occasion only one card was returned. It seems the most possible of all to win, you have only to win it once and it's yours for keeps. You don't just get used to seeing it take up a position in your blackwood cabinet when you have to hand it over to some one else. This year's Cup, now reposing in the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, I believe is a particularly elegant one.

I saw a notice in the Ladies' Room the other day, reminding ladies that their annual subscriptions of \$1 are now "due." Mrs. Ross (who sits at the receipt desk) is evidently still having as much difficulty in collecting those dollars as a dollar isn't enough, it seems too easily forgotten. I wonder if it would be a good idea to make it \$10. I'll suggest it to those in authority.

I seem to have over-stepped my allowance again, so I must hold the rest over for another time.

Your affectionate Cousin,

IDA BADLIE.

## REDUCING WAISTS.

SIR J. CANTLIE'S EXERCISES FOR THE MIDDLE-AGED.

Sir James Cantlie's "physical jerks" campaign against advancing old age, which proved so successful last winter, has been resumed, and valuable work for the middle-aged business man and woman by means of gymnastic exercises was being put in last month at the West Central Hall. As Sir James expresses it himself, "Bowed backs have straightened, wrinkled brows have been smoothed, ungainly waists in consequence of advancing years have become shapely, middle-age and its discrepancies have been forgotten, and the progress of old age and its effects arrested."

A representative of the London Morning Post, who visited the Hall during the ladies' hour, was impressed with the vigour and enthusiasm which was apparent in every one. A large squad of middle-aged ladies, many of them recruits, was there, all determined, and all doing their level best to carry out arm exercises with the vigour and precision of a class of soldiers. At present the work is confined to what the Army P.T. instructors used to call "arm, leg, neck, and trunk" exercises, but as the class advances, Indian clubs and dumb bells will be introduced.

The courage and endurance of all was amazing, and even the gloomy prophecy of the instructor that there might be "one or two funny little pains" in the morning, did nothing to damp their ardour. All were imbued with the will to grow younger instead of older.

Sudden death from accident is again quite a different thing, and has no special consequences for the victim, unless death overtakes him at a point when the emotions and lower desires had not yet been controlled to a moral extent.



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## GRUB-STREET TALES.

## HOW BEST SELLERS ARE MADE.

Mr. St. John Adecock let us into the secret of making an unknown novel a "best seller," in his lecture on "Authors' Luck," at the Bon Marché, says a reporter in a London paper.

There was, for example, the novel "When it was Dark," which seemed as though it would never sell, until the author went to his uncle, who was a dean, and asked him to preach in London a sermon about the novel. Instead, the dean rang up a bishop who was to preach in Westminster Abbey the next Sunday. He recommended the bishop to read the novel, and told him what was the theme.

The idea struck the bishop. He mentioned the book in his sermon, and the passage was extensively reported. The publishers promptly brought out a new edition with quotations from the bishop's sermon on the cover: it sold like hot cakes. The bishop made an ineffectual protest. He had never read the book; had no intention of reading it, or of recommending it. A conversation on the telephone had caused him to mention it in his sermon. But it was too late to explain it away; the book was made.

Mr. Adecock went on to tell the story of the poet, W. H. Davies, who struck "something that seems very like luck," and the luck Boswell had in discovering Johnson; Johnson's own luck in being discovered, since apart from that happy chance he would have been remembered only as an obscure essayist and critic, with a fame less bright than Goldsmith's.

And then we were regaled with anecdotes of the chronically unlucky people. There was the case of Alexander John, a shabby fellow, the eternal Grub-street hack. Alexander John wrote a book on the theatre which the critics hailed joyfully; his publishers went into liquidation before he received any royalties. He wrote a couple of excellent novels, which never sold. Always short of money, he sold his manuscripts at absurdly low rates if he could get cash down. The most successful ventures were three novels he wrote "underground," that is to say, wrote them for an author who, being a best seller, and too lazy to write the novels himself, put his own name to the works of Alexander John and drew two-thirds of the royalties.

"Never by any chance," said Mr. Adecock, "did Alexander John become connected with any periodical which was financially sound. One morning he greeted me with the news that he had been made literary editor of a prosperous daily. He was on his way to buy a topper and a frock coat. Almost immediately the paper was sold up. I met him soon after that near Temple Bar. He was with his wife and child, going, he said, for a sail to Greenwich for a day's jubilation. He had just sold an article. It seems almost as though the steamer went down in the Thames before it got to Greenwich. I have never seen Alexander John again!"

We were told the tale of several Alexander Johns, and we heard also of "lucky" books—for example, Fitzgerald's Omar Khayyam, which nobody heard of till Rossetti found it in the old box of a secondhand stall. But writers have, as a rule, such luck as they deserve. "The story of the neglected genius," said Mr. Adecock, "is more romantic than real."

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## SHIPPING NEWS

## ARRIVALS.

December 10th.

Anhui, British str., 2,079 tons, Capt. G. H. Pennefather, from Singapore and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11.—B. & S.

Derwent, Chinese str., 1,363 tons, Capt. Wm. Brewer, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B7.—Yuen On S.S. Co.

Shantung, British str., 1,588 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Taikeo Maru, Japanese str., 1,904 tons, Capt. T. Ishigaki, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C39.—O.S.K.

Tilawa, British str., 6,153 tons, Capt. P. W. Rowe, from Osaka and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Tulma, British schooner, 6,154 tons, Capt. R. W. Hocking, from Calcutta and Straits, with 1,800 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

December 11th.

Hakata Maru, Japanese str., 3,752 tons, Capt. G. Matsushita, from Calcutta and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Macedonia, British str., 3,650 tons, Capt. H. W. Potter, R.D., R.N.R., from London and Singapore. The latter port she left on December 8th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Hutchinson, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. J. S. de Wolf, from Tientsin, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C31.—B. & S.

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Tunkin, French str., 346 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41.—M.M.

## CLEARANCES.

December 11th.

Anhui, for Shanghai.

Hakata Maru, for Saigon.

Morvan, for Singapore.

President Jackson, for Shanghai.

President Jackson, for Manila.

Tilawa, for Amoy.

Thames, for Shanghai.

Tiny King, for Hoihow.

Tjikini, for Sourabaya.

Van Chuan, for Penang.

Yokohama Maru, for Singapore.

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

Agua (Swedish East Asiatic), due Jan. 1st, 1927.

Empress of Canada (C.P.R.), due Dec. 17th.

Formosa (Swedish East Asiatic), due December 20th.

## CHINA COAST CHANGES.

The following are the latest changes on the China Coast steamers:—

Mr. M. Loven, *Hakata Maru*, has gone 1st mate of the *Confucius*.

Mr. J. Hudson, *Anhui*, has gone 1st engineer of the *Confucius*.

Mr. A. Beckenbach, *Hutchinson*, has gone 2nd engineer of the *Confucius*.

Mr. J. Robson, has signed off the *Kiangchow* as 1st engineer, and has gone 1st engineer of the *Suifu*.

Mr. J. Charles has signed off as 1st engineer of the *Derwent*.

Mr. T. W. Spence, *Telemachus*, has gone 2nd mate of the *Hakata Maru*.

Mr. E. J. Fua has signed off the *Chin-hua* as 1st mate.

Messrs. E. M. Nield, C. B. Adkins, R. K. Stoth, G. S. Arthur and N. L. Mather, have signed off the *Tingchow* as master, 1st mate, 2nd mate, 1st engineer and 2nd engineer respectively and have signed on the *Teun* in the same capacities.

Mr. E. Fitzgerald, *Confucius*, has gone 3rd engineer of the *Teun*.

Messrs. J. E. Clay, G. Gair, V. L. Aling, D. Macfarlane, F. J. Newlett and L. L. Lawrence, have all signed off the *Formosa* as master, 1st, 2nd and 3rd engineers, 2nd mate and mate respectively.

Mr. T. O. B. Norman, *Sui Tai*, has gone 1st engineer of the *Sui Tai*.

Mr. O. Fox, has signed off the *Kwang* as 2nd mate, and has gone 1st mate of the *Chin-hua*.

Mr. J. G. M. Yuill has gone from 2nd engineer to 1st engineer of the *Derwent*.

Mr. C. A. Foote, *Pheuphuh*, has gone 2nd engineer of the *Derwent*.

## THE "MACEDONIA."

From the report made by the P. & O. s.s. *Macedonia* yesterday, when she arrived here from Singapore, it seems that she encountered rather rough weather, more particularly in the early part of the trip. She left Singapore on December 6th and was five days coming up to Hongkong. The report made by the master to the Harbour Office yesterday, was as under:—"Fresh North-easterly winds to Pulo Manki. Thence strong N.E. monsoon to Lat. 13° N., with frequent rain, squalls, rough head seas and small. From Lat. 13° N. to Hongkong, fresh monsoon."

Vessels going South are reporting favourable winds and are making very good passage.

The *Macedonia* leaves for Shanghai this morning.

## PASSENGERS.

## ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Talma*, on December 10th:—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cleather, Mr. Crump, Miss Davey, Capt. P. MacGinness, Mr. MacNicken, Miss Baker, Staff-Sergeant Brown.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Morven*, on December 11th:—Misses J. and S. Harvey, Mr. A. Murch, Dr. B. Baird, Mr. L. F. Young, Mrs. Butler, Miss Daunt, Mr. Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Weighman, Mr. R. A. Krollen, Dr. P. Borriaksh, Mr. R. C. Pemberton, Mr. B. Kaka, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Willis and child, P.O. Davies, Rev. R. G. Beville, Mr. and Mrs. Wensley, Miss P. Durham, Mr. J. P. Whittall, Mr. T. Nickerson, Mr. Corblitzky, Mr. W. K. Tait, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bohlen, Mr. G. Gonzalez, Mr. E. Gonzalez, Mr. A. Gonzalez, Miss L. Betti, Miss A. Lauro, Mr. E. Gonzalez, Mr. N. Delry, Mr. L. Patrino, Mr. E. Cuneo, Mr. F. Izal, Mr. P. Vecchi, Mr. B. Carassini, Mr. A. Gilardi, Miss S. Carassini, Miss P. Piccolo, Miss R. Gilardi, Miss Maria Piva, Miss M. Andreani, Miss A. Fabbri, Miss P. Follini, Miss G. Landi, Miss E. Cochet, Miss B. David, Mr. G. Giuliani, Mr. S. Neri, Mr. E. Mosca, Miss E. Bozzoli, Mr. A. Pedrelli, Mr. E. Borra, Mr. L. Calzolari, Mr. E. Delagatti, Mr. N. Barontini, Mr. C. Corradetti, Mr. I. Braghini, Mr. L. Mattioni, Miss A. de Robosio, Mr. A. Vassili, Mr. E. M. Ross, Rosa, Mr. G. Vassili, Mr. E. M. Ross, Mr. J. Said, Mr. R. Mazet, Miss M. Guiberti, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sargeant and child, Mr. A. Mallott, Capt. Noon, Mr. G. Grant, Mr. E. Wallace, Miss M. Eccles, Lt. Col. and Mrs. A. Watson, Mr. G. D. Jack, Mr. D. O. Watling, Mr. R. Smith, Mr. J. H. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. E. A. Yates.

## DEPARTURES.

Per Dollar liner *President Taft*, for Manila, on December 11th:—Mr. and Mrs. S. Allen, Dr. H. O. Beyer, Miss G. Black, Miss L. Campbell, Mr. B. B. Celand, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Fisher, Mr. B. Guysi, Mrs. J. F. Guysi, Dr. A. J. Hermans, Mr. F. Hammond, Miss L. Hazelton, Miss E. Hunter, Mr. M. R. Horet, Mr. L. D. Lockwood, Mr. W. S. Moore, Mr. T. J. McQuaide, Mrs. C. B. Moulton, Mr. J. A. Murphy, Mr. A. Fred M. J. D. Menecarini, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Molovinski, Mr. S. Nyborg, Mr. James Margretes, Mr. S. Nyborg, Mr. R. A. O. O'Leary, Miss Anne O'Malley, Mr. R. A. Rowlands, Mrs. Geo. Rheims, Rev. C. L. Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spencer, Master D. Spencer, Master R. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Shaw, Master P. Shaw, Mr. A. B. Tigh, Miss Helen J. Wilk, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Nat. Washer, Mr. G. A. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dalison, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Swan, Miss A. Swan, Mr. W. H. Nicely, Col. Miss A. Karmany, Mr. J. L. Byrne, Mr. B. Penna, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Herried, Miss Horridge, Mr. Martin V. Merle, Mr. Kwa Pak Ming, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bramwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Allix, Mr. F. E. Garratt, Mr. M. V. Merle, Major H. F. Smith.

Per Admiral Oriental liner *President Jackson*, for Seattle and ports, on December 11th:—Mr. J. L. Durand, Mr. Loo Lee Sang, Mr. Ng-Bing Chit, Miss T. Reese, Mr. R. Bernhardt, Mrs. N. L. Smith, Miss P. S. Lee, Mr. A. Razack, Mr. T. Hamowy, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Lee, Mr. H. H. Wong, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. O'Dell, Mr. Chin Tak Long, Mr. A. S. Gubay, Mr. C. M. Mannars, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wolsifer, Mr. G. F. Haslam, Mr. F. X. Ford, Mr. J. F. B. Miller, Miss J. Miller, Mr. M. Webb, Mr. L. T. Chow, Mrs. Ma Man Kap, Mr. T. K. King, Mrs. D. M. Nissim, Miss Ting Shu Ching, Mr. Kwa Eng Quang, Mr. Ly Chieu, Mr. Fay-Bishop, Mr. W. Eldred, Mr. H. Town, Miss D. Bailey, Mr. N. S. Chan, Mrs. V. M. Jackson, Mr. S. Richmond, Mr. E. D. Turner, Mrs. M. U. Turner, Mrs. Mary U. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson, Mr. R. E. McIntyre, Mr. R. E. McFie, Mr. and Mrs. L. Rifkin, Miss L. L. Rifkin, Mr. H. J. Steele, Miss Marie Sycip, Mrs. C. B. Williams, Miss Marie Zemp, Mr. C. P. Bradnober, Mr. E. E. Diet, Mrs. H. N. Diet, Mrs. Helen D. Frieder, Mr. H. Lindley, Miss V. M. Rice, Mr. F. A. Oleaga, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Ranney.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The E. & A. s.s. *Arafa*, left Manila for this port on the afternoon of the 10th inst., with the outward Australian mails, and is due here to arrive here to-morrow morning.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.—Sunday Services, December 13th:—Morning, at 11 a.m.—Hymns: 24, 659, 765, 553 and 672. Subject: The Constraints of Life. Evening, at 8 p.m.—Hymns: 257, 523, 603, 142 and 333. Subject: The Creed of the Faith. Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald. P.S.A. Meeting at 4 p.m. in the Lecture Hall.

Friday, 18th Dec., at 8.30 p.m.—Christian Endeavour Meeting. [36]

First Church of Christ, Scotchmen, Macdonnell Road, below Bowen Road, Tram Station.—Sunday, 11.15 a.m.—Wednesday, 5.30 p.m.—Reading Room open Tuesday and Friday mornings—10 to 12. [37]

St. John's Cathedral.—Sunday, 13th December:—Holy Communion at 8 a.m.—Matins & Sermon at 11 a.m.—The Chaplain will preach on "The Sacramental Attitude." Evening & Sermon at 8 p.m.—The Rev. A. D. Stewart will preach on "The buried pound." [3956]

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"KHYBER"	9,114	26th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"TANDA"	6,938	8th May	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	28th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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